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Topics of the Week

The Quest of Peace

If the Peace Conference at The Hague has done nothing else, it has at any rate shown that the path of diplomacy is paved with good intentions. The cynic might, perhaps, say that, in these busy and perilous times, the diplomatists might

have found a far more useful work to do. Universal peace is an excellent thing to strive for, but we venture to think that the great machinery set in motion so purposelessly at The Hague would have been better employed had it taken in hand one or two of the vexed questions which still threaten the peace of nations, and made a practical attempt to solve them. Some of the diplomatists who have attended The Hague Conference profess to be "buoyant" at the unexpected success of the gathering. They are either very easily satisfied or they must have entered on their duties in an exceedingly pessimist spirit. The Conference has certainly done a great deal—on paper—but it has not brought the world perceptibly nearer the Golden Age, and it must be remembered—extravagant though it may appear in this moment of solid and sober realities-that it was to establish this epoch that it was summoned by its "august There is only one plan by which this end could have been reached. The principle was laid down in the Peace of Westphalia, and although it never succeeded, simply because it was never organised or carried out, human wisdom has not devised a better. It consists in (1) universal disarmament, (2) compulsory arbitration, and (3) an alliance of Powers to enforce the decrees of the Arbitration Tribunal. The first of these points was not discussed at all at The Hague. nearest approach to it was the consideration of the question of a limitation of armaments, and that proved insoluble. Although this question had occupied the first place in the circular of the Tsar convening the Congress, i had to be abandoned. Compulsory arbitration was certainly discussed, but only to meet with insuperable opposition. As for an alliance to guard the peace, no one ever dreamt of suggesting it. The chief fruit of the Conserence is the establishment of a permanent Tribunal-or, as Professor Zorn prefers to call it, "a court"—of Arbitration. Resort to this court is, however, purely optional. The Powers may or may not avail themselves of it. When we remember the fate of the famous mediation protocol of 1856 the probability is that in all questions really involving war they will ignore it. None the less, the existence of a permanent machinery of this kind cannot but have some beneficial effect. It will, at any rate, facilitate arbitration, and may thus prevent small difficulties from growing into grave perils. It may also in time habituate the nations to the idea of arbitration on all disputes, and thus insensibly narrow the margin of warlike risks. Beyond the establishment of this institution the Conference has done little except to show hov difficult of solution the problem of universal peace still is. With a commendable optimism it has postponed the consideration of a few of the more difficult questions to future conferences, the dates of which are not yet fixed. The others have been made the subjects of various dissertations in the form of conventions to which the Powers will or will not accede, declarations of a generally innocuous character, and pious opinions which nobody thinks of disputing and very few have any idea of observing. Perhaps a final opinion on the work of the Conference should in fairness be reserved until the exact text of these documents is known and the final attitude of all the Powers towards them is ascertained. If, however, we may venture upon an interim opinion, it

is that the labours of the Conference are more creditable to human optimism than to human perfectibility.

While it would be altogether premature to regard a Dual Alliance in the Far East as an accomplished fact, there seems to be little question that the drift of circumstances is in that direction. The Chinese and Japanese may not love one another any better than in the past, but in international affairs, common interest generally carries more consequence than sentiment. Both of these nations find their independence more or less threatened by Western aggressiveness. It would be most natural, therefore, for them to come together on that broad platform, and the Dowager Empress has the sense to see the advantage of alliance. But the old Manchu party still persists in regarding the little Japs as a peculiarly abhorrent type of "foreign devils," and would almost sooner see Russia dominating the Middle Kingdom than owe its rescue to the hated islanders. That unscrupulous intriguer, Li Hung Chang, is believed to be at the head of this revolt against the imperious lady's sovereign authority. He has treasured a grudge against her ever since she ousted him from the Tsung-li-Yamen, and he generally pays that sort of debt sooner or later. But the Dowager is as skilful in fence as her discarded chief councillor, and it is possible that he may yet find how necessary a long spoon is when supping porridge with an Imperial personage of more than equivocal antecedents. The Empress has already given this ancient plotter a taste of what he may expect from her by holding out a friendly hand to his arch enemies, the reformers.

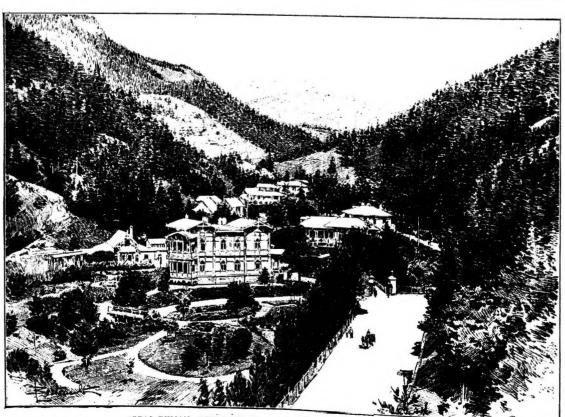
The New Tsurebitch

In consequence of the death of the Grand Duke George the succession now falls to his younger brother, the Grand Duke Michael who will be twenty-one next November. Owing to his brother's health the Grand Duke Michael has virtually been regarded as the heir ever since Nicholas II. came to the throne, especially since all the three children born to the Tsar and Tsaritsa have proved to be girls. Indeed, the Tsar had decided to issue a decree appointing his brother heir instead of the Grand Duke George. It is said that he



THE GRAND DUKE MICHAEL ALEXANDROVITCH

will marry his cousin, the Grand Duchess Helen, daughter of the Grand Duke and Duchess Vladimir. She was engaged to a German Prince, but the engagement has been broken, owing to her preference for the Grand Duke Michael. Abbas Tuman, the late Tsarevitch's Palace in the Caucasus, was ten days' journey from St. Petersburg, and it was in the comparative exile of this estate that he tried to resuscitate his health. Here he tried the open-air cure, living with open doors and windows and without curtains and carpets. The story of the Prince's sudden death at Abbas Tuman has already been graphically told. The funeral took place on Wednesday in the grim old Fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul at St. Petersburg.



ABBAS TUMAN, THE LATE TSAREVITCH'S PALACE IN THE CAUCASUS

En Parliament

BY H. W. LUCY

In their business like fashion the House of Lords has a work of the Tithes Bill. To tell the truth, to those what disquisition on the second reading it seemed intolerably by Westminster clock it lasted not quite four hours.

When the division was taken it appeared that 136 Peer. Out of a possible muster of 600 this is not an overwhelm. tion. But in view of the lateness of the season, the weather, the worn-out thread of the subject, and the entiof doubt as to the result of the division, it was pretty w Salisbury was back in his place after more than a week occasioned by the illness of his wife. He listened we suspicious patience to the string of long speeches. Once are seemed so deeply sunk in appreciative thought that his might have been mistaken for that of a sleeper. Theredoubt whether he would think it necessary to special Selborne, in charge of the Bill, delivered a long speech have been quite striking had it been made before the had been, in slightly varied phrase, repeated over and over the Commons. When Lord Balfour of Burleigh rose Ministerial Bench to reply to Lord Ribblesdale, who me rejection of the Bill, it seemed as if the Lords, taking common-sense view of the situation, would permit the delact upon to close. In the strict economy of debating power in the Lords, it is most unusual for more than two Ministers to take a debate begun and concluded in a single sitting. Secretary for Scotland had spoken in succession to the Secretary for the Colonies, it was most unlikely that the

Probably he had not intended to do so. But as the convextended, and, more especially when the Leader of the Organization rose to take part in it, there was observed that action of the loses which surely presages a speech from the Premier. When ari Salisbury, seated on the Ministerial Bench, turns over in his mind the exquisite phrases that form his speech, his knees go us and down as if he were working a bicycle at the rate of twelve make an hour. The presage was not misleading. As soon as lard Kimberley sat down the Premier rose, and urged upon the lears the acceptance of a Bill which, he said, was only a sad and arry compensation for all the wrongs the Clergy had suffered since the Rating Act of 1836.

The Commons, depleted in numbers by the impulse of heliday-Drugs Bill has been finally dragged through, thanks to the admirable management of Mr. Walter Long. It is not often given to a comparatively young Minister to pilot through in immediate successions. cession two big controversial measures such as the Tithes Bill and the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill. Mr. Walter Long has achieved the feat, and has greatly grown in repute. The Telephones Bill is another measure that has distinctly benefited by the good fortune of being in charge of a Minister who knows how to manage delicate pieces of work. By an odd coincidence Mr. Hanbapy has in his administrative capacity no more to do with the Telephon's Bill than the President of the Board of Agriculture had to do with the Tithes Bill. Mr. Walter Long took up that measure because the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to whom it more appropriately belonged last year, publicly declared against the project. Some men, even some Ministers, having one Session deliberately declared that black is black, are not therefore next Session debarred from asserting the contrary. Sir M. Hicks-Beach is not made and way. He accordingly has stood aside whilst the Tithes Bill, which last year he pronounced indefensible and uncalled for, has rean carried by a colleague.

Mr. Hanbury's connection with the Telephones Bill is accounted for on more prosaic grounds. Unlike other Ministers, the amaster-General has no lieutenant with a seat in either Head of Lords and no voice in the Commons, where he is not addressed, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury under a seat in the Hanbury and the country, he having a chance of show his business-like supervision of a matter closely affecting social accommercial life.

On Tuesday night Lord Kitchener made his long-dentree, to the House of Lords. Whether he was waiting

Cromer, or whether the tion was accidental, it was a happy. Lord Cromer's di. Egypt make him an at from the House of Lord has just come over on visit, and seized the opportunity of taking again the oath new seat as a Viscount. he assumed that dignity h as a Baron shared the sponof Lord Kitchener, Lord 15 of Kandahar assisted in ceremony, the clad in scarlet cloaks, they me to and fro in the quaint mony prescribed, forming a ne tableau representing the stree Empire in the East.

Lord Cromer having, as his official action in the capacity a Baron, seen Lord Kitch through his ordeal, returned to through the ceremony of sworn in as a Viscount. Roberts and Lord Kitchener, in the house, and from the Benches watched with boyish gother the House, and from the Benches watched with boyish gother the word of the house have the house and from the Company of the new Viscount gravely gutthrough the antique performance with its marching and countermarching, its kneeling at the Woolsack, its sitting on a particular Bench, and its thrice upstanging to salute the answering Lor Chancellor.

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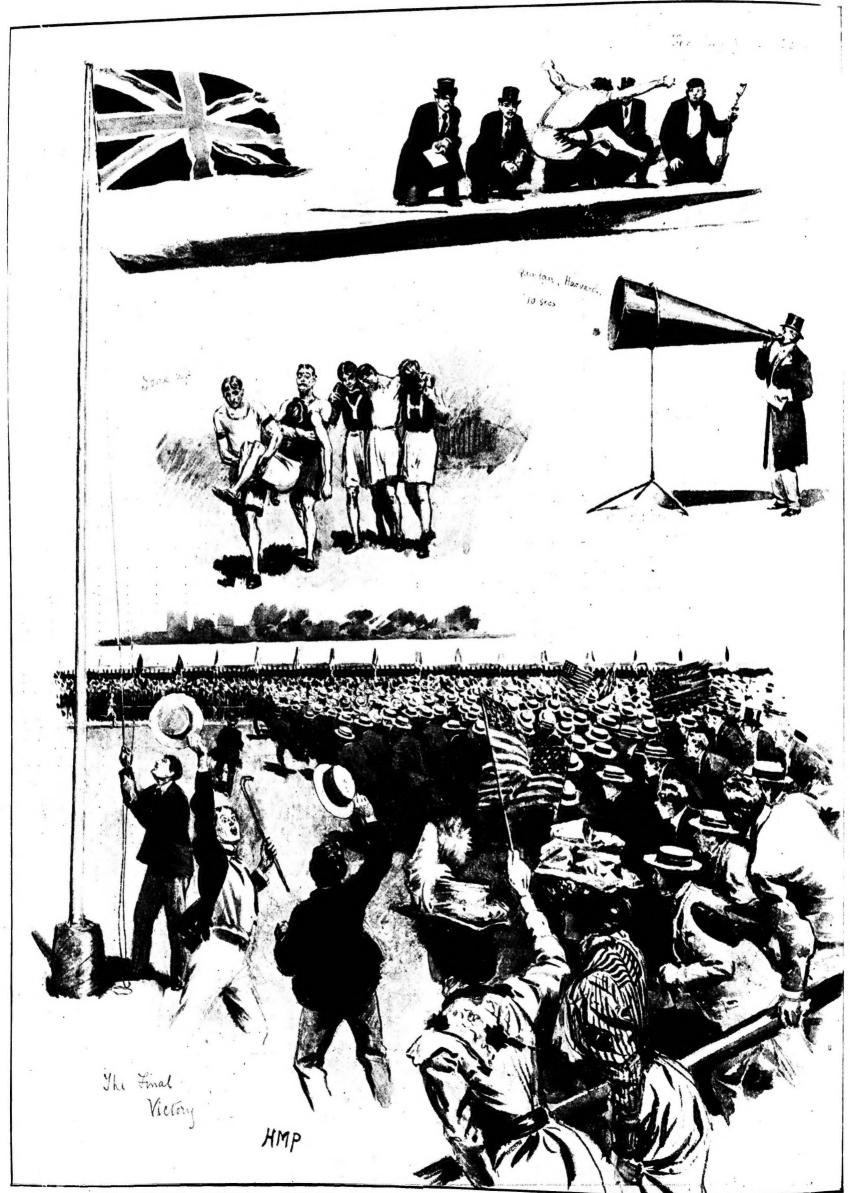
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INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS: HARVARD AND YALE v. OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE AT THE QUEEN'S CLUB



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THE PRINCESS OF WALES AND THE NATIONAL PENSION FUND FOR NURSES

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"Stand by."-CAPTAIN CUTTLE

By J. ASHBY-STERRY

RECENTLY we have given earnest attention to long and cooling drinks. We feel inclined to parody a well-known ditty, and sing enthusiastically:-

> Give me of cooling drink a bo vi! Fal-de-ral, tal-de-ral, lay !

But at the present writing the weather shows signs of changing, and possibly by the time these lines appear in print we may be glad of old brown brandy and stinging hot water, such as gladdened the heart of Mr. Pickwick, or sangarorum, which, according to Marryat, proved to be of supreme delight to retired admirals. Be that as it may, just now, long drinks, well-iced, delicate in flavour, and plenty of them we find, like a certain cocoa, to be "grateful and comforting." Hence an article in the Globe on this subject has just now especial interest. In the course of this some little space is given to a dissertation on Badminton and the position it has occupied in the works of modern novelists. Instances are quoted from "Under

Two Flags," "Digby Grand," "Sybil," and "Lothair." We are told that the author of the latter makes his characters "toss off 'beakers of Badminton'-an alluringly alliterative phrase." Years ago, in verses celebrating the delights of a certain lawn, I wrote :--

If you're weary and banker for something and ice, A bountiful beaker of boraged Ead-

You'll find, in the shade, is uncommonly nice!

As far as "alluring alliteration" goes, I am inclined to think I went one better than the instance above mentioned. By the way, an interesting article might be written entitled "The Drinks of the Novelists." In caricaturist, or one successful in humorous drawings. In Mr. Spielmann's invaluable "History of Punch" - being away from town I cannot speak exactly "by the book"-I fancy not more than two are mentioned as contributors of such work, and I cannot call to mind that there is a single representative of light verse. Why

Snapshooting, it would appear, has developed in New York to even a greater nuisance than it has in this country. Privacy is a thing of the past, and celebrities cannot take their walks abroad without contributing important incomes to the owners of countless cameras. People are getting somewhat weary of this highway robbery—I mean photography—and some have already, it is said, taken the law into their own hands, and have seized cameras and chastised operators. It strikes one this is scarcely a judicious way to act, for the reprisals that a photographer might take would be terrible. What a good title for a sensational story would be "The Photographer's Revenge!" The right course to take is to pass a law that everybody should have a copyright in his own countenance, not only in his countenance, but his clothes, his house, his furniture, and his property. This copyright should be established on registration at an office organised for this purpose, and the payment of a fee. After the payment of the fees, the person and property of the payer should be free of snapshots, unless authorised by his written permission. This excellent arrangement would not only bring in an enormous revenue to the state, but would enable a celebrity to get a considerable profit out of his personality which



CORPORAL FELMINGHAM (2nd V.B. Norfolk Regiment) Queen's Bronze Medallist

Bisley, 1899

Tit: Bisley Meeting of 1899 began and finished auspices. The camp was an even more delightful sq. happy, healthy, and breezy, save on one or two days was a little trying; the management of the N.R.A. we and the new secretary, Colonel Rosse, well known for as chief range officer, proved himself the right man place; and, finally, the list of entries this year show. increase in the number of entries for every every Queen's Prize the increase in the entries over last for the Alexandra 147, for the St. George's 96, for Aggregate 153, for the Grand Aggregate 104, for 130, for The Daily Graphic 74, for the Daily T. Thus the Camp was fuller than ever, the visiton numerous, and the general arrangements for comvenience kept pace with the increasing importance of With the finish of the competition for the Queen's Pr in the meeting culminates, and, to some extent, coil calculation of the results of the aggregate scores . interest beyond the point reached when the is chaired and cheered. This year every one to know that the Grand Aggregate falls to a Canada. Lieutenant Bertram, of the Canadian Team. Cy Jones, who came within a hair's breadth of winning Prize, is second. To the Canadian also fell the Corn of London prize and the Volunteer Aggregate—well earn

throughout the meet:

The final stage of "hucen's Prize was reached a. impleted amid circumstances at interest, three men hav! with with grand totals of 336 pol-were Private W. Pri-These . of the Guernsey Militia; geant Anderson, of the and Cyclist-Sergeant (mes, of the 1st Welsh. In Anderson was the fir ' he be out of the running, and it the match between Jones and friends the Guernsey man won, jones failing to get on to the target with the shot upon which his chance depended.

The Royal Cambridge Shield, with its added 10%, fell to the 2nd Dragoon Guards with 123 points, the 7th Dragoon Guards coming next with 115.

In the final stage of the St. George's Corporal II, On mundsen



COLOUR-SERGEANT MATTHEWS (Civil Service) Queen's Silver Meda'list



SERGEANT DALGETTY (Northumberland Fusiliers)
Winner of The Graphic Competition



PRIVATE H. NORRIE (4th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Winner of The Daily Graphic Competition



LIEUTENANT FLL Winner of The Golden I

CORPORAL H. OMMUNDSEN (5th Royal Scots)
Winner of the St. George's Competition and
Championship of Scotland



GROUP OF PRIZE WINNERS AT BISLEY From Photographs by C. Knight, Aldershot

" Pickwick" they generally settled everything over hot brandy and water or a bowl of punch, subsequently there was a bitter beer period, then "cups" of various kinds were in favour, and still later the heroes of different romances slaked their thirst with the choicest brands of champagne.

Lady Lindsay-whose success as a poet, a painter and a novelist, render her views especially valuable—has printed, for private circulation, the excellent paper she read on "The Art of Poetry with regard to Women Writers" at the Women's International Congress. In the course of this address she says:-" Have women ever excelled in the art of poetry? Alas! however they may have otherwise distinguished themselves in the realms of literature-and as novelists most especially, they have attained to the highest rank, to say nothing of many elegant writers of memoirs, essays and epistolary records-women have seldom practised the art of poetry with any great or enduring success." With all due respect to the cpinion here expressed, I cannot help feeling that with regard to the higher walks of poesy, woman has held her own. What, however, has often struck me as very remarkable that in society poems, in light satiric songs, and in verses of wit and humour, the fair sex is seldom distinguished. It is the very form of verse in which it seems they ought to excel. How rare, too, it is to find a lady

now all goes into the pocket of the photographer. If a law such as that above described were speedily put in force, not only in America, but England, it would be an undoubted benefit to

In a recent review in the Athenæum of Mr. Ashton's "Florizel's Folly," the writer, speaking of Mrs. Fitzherbert, says, "We cannot and any mention of the house she occupied on the Steyne, or of the underground passage which is said to have connected it with the Pavilion. This passage, if we remember right, was found to be still in existence some years ago." It is a considerable time since I remember going over the house alluded to, and bearing in mind the legend with regard to the underground passage, I very carefully inspected the mansion, especially in the basement, and I could find no trace of anything of the kind. If any such communication with the Pavilion ever existed it must long ago have been carefully obliterated. There is every reason against the supposition that this mysterious subway was ever made. In the first place the distance between the Pavilion and the mansion is so considerable, and the tunnel would have to pass under three streets at least. This would make it difficult and dangerous to make. In the second place there appears to be no possible reason for its construction. It is a long while since I was in Brighton—which, I understand, is now greatly altered—and possibly the house alluded to no longer remains. There used to be a large building in its immediate neighbourhood, at one time occupied as a club, which was formerly the bachelor quarters of some of the Pavilion guests.

of the 5th Royal Scots, came to the front, and the Dragon Cup, Gold Cross, and 30l. with 116 points.

The National Challenge Trophy, for which teams in Scotland, Wales, and Ireland competed, fell to the for the tenth successive time. Scotland scored 1,886, 1 Wales 1,862, and Ireland 1,847.

The Queen's Silver Medal was won by Matthews, of the Civil Service, with asc ore of 218, Felmingham, of the 2nd V.B. Norfolk Regiment, were

Medal by 101 out of a possible score of 105. The Graphic Cup was taken by Sergeant A. Dai. Northumberland Fusiliers, after a tie with Colour-Series of the 2nd V.B. Norfolk Regiment. In The Daily for which there were 1,167 entries, three men tied possibles, Privates Norrie (of the 4th Argyll and Suth landers) and Grey and Sergeant Grundy, the prize falling to the first named. The Golden Penny prize went Fletcher, of the 2nd Liverpool.

The Elcho Challenge Shield is to return to the the year, the English team winning with a score of 1,5.7 coming next with 1,541, and Ireland last with 1,511.

The Ashburton Challenge Shield Competition for eight from the

eight from the public schools, seven shots at 2 yards, is always interesting, for the young idea alrea shoot here gives in public a taste of its quality and talk this promise. Rossall School took the Shield and Silver year with 472 points.

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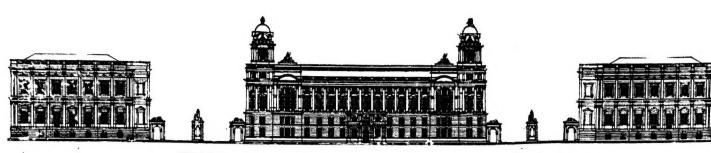
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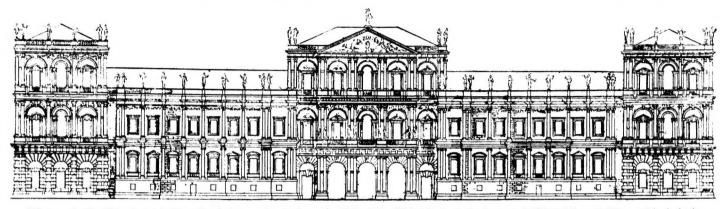
ACE controversy is raging over the plans proposed new War Office which have a lopted by the Government. It is telt that an alternative plan which practically carry out Inigo Jones's for a Whitehall Palace would be far al propriate. Accordingly a memorial to elect has been prepared and signed by handred Peers, and by the Marquis of M.P., the signatures, with one or acptions, being sent to Lord Wemyss is taking the deepest interest in the within a few days of the issue of tition, which runs as follows:the undersigned, believing that the of a new War Office, on the site of the intended Whitehall offers a unique and last opporof realising, at least in part, lones's grand design for the said of which the banqueting hall was built—venture to approach Her was Government in relation to this important matter. We pray them models made and publicly exhibited proposed War Office, and of a sugindaptation of Inigo Jones's design it is believed, might without diffile made to meet all War Office requirewhile it would present a more imposing, retric and extended front-immedi-

at the facing the Horse Guards—than the design that has been on taking adopted. In respectfully making this request we are only asking in the public interest, and for the sake of those we come after us, that all possible care and precautions should be taken to ensure the erection of a War Office building in all was worthy of the site; and that by the public exhibition of models, as proposed, successful precedents, established in the case of designs for public buildings by Her Majesty's Office of Works, should now be followed." Our readers will be able, by a composite of the two plans, to judge of their relative merits for themselves. We may, however, mention that in the suggested plan the old banqueting hall, which now forms the home of the United Service Institution, will be included in the new offices—the institution being found quarters in the rear of the new block.



Whitehall Place Horse Guards Avenue

OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE NEW WAR OFFICE, WITH THE BANQUETING HALL ON THE RIGHT AND THE PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY ON THE LEFT

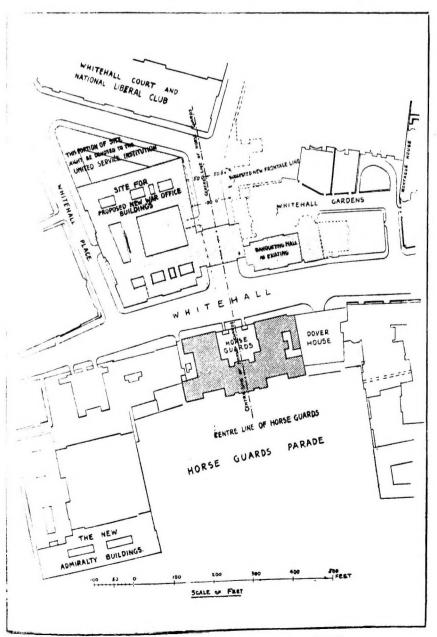


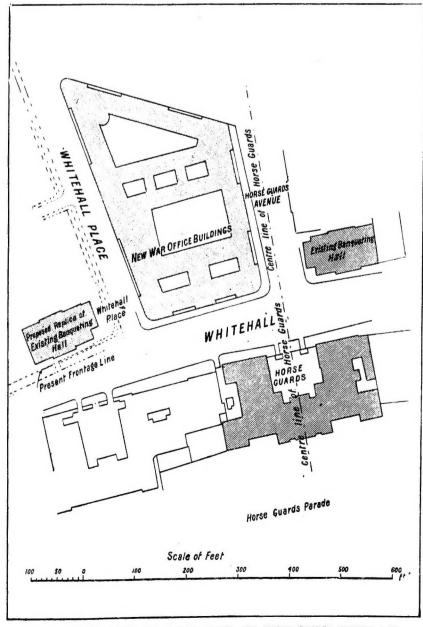
This covers the War Office site and the Horse Guards Avenue, takes the Banqueting Hall and site of United Service Institution, conceals Whitehall Court Buildings, and is absolutely central with the Horse Guards

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WINEFRED: A STORY OF THE CHALK CLIFFS

By S. BARING GOULD Illustrated by EDGAR BUNDY, R.I.

CHAPTER IX.

SEEN THROUGH

cal was Winefred.

of in the selection of pebbles, she did not observe the of Mr. Holwood; and the rush of the inflowing wave, under rattle of the retreat, as the water drew the shingle

served to drown the footfall. in he addressed her, she was taken by surprise, and started. w before him a tall, handsome girl, flushed with her walk, Lik hair slightly dispersed by the wind from the sea, with ks, dark, agate-like, honest eyes, fresh flexible lips, and a

salded lower jaw and chin. Why are you picking and choosing among the stones?" he

Picase, sir, I be looking for chalcedony."

You should say I am and not I be. But let that pass,

"And jasper."

"An I jasper; what do you know about them? Are you deficient tranuar and a proficient in mineralogy?"

Whe hell looked at him with an odd expression of perplexity and most in her brown eyes and a dimple forming in one cheek. Now he saw that she had the eyes and features of Jane, but there

ses in her face something more—a reminiscence of a dearly loved held lost sister, who had been his companion in boyhood, his concode, but who had died of decline just as she attained the age of dus child.

"Tell me, my girl, what is your name?" There was a catch in his voice as he asked the question.

" Winefred."

"And your surname?"

"Marley. That is what my mother is called."

He paused before speaking again. A warm flow, as from a broken vein, suffused his heart. He would have liked to clasp the child to him and have said, "I am your father, kiss me, put your arms about me and let me cry." But he dared not do so.

Presently he spoke again. "Will you sit by me on this rock and tell me about these bbles? I do not understand. Why do you gather them? What is done with them?"

She at once took the place indicated, without shyness, with no awkwardness. But he did not seat himself, he stood leaning st the larger bulk of the chalky mass so that he might study her face as she spoke.

"About these pebbles?"

"Please, sir, they are chalcedony. Sometimes I get moss agates."

"I understand. But I protest, to my uninitiated eyes they look vastly uninteresting. "If wet and held to the light you can see through them and note

markings in them; if I find some of good colour and very clear, with veins and silklike twists, then the gentlefolk buy them.

"Oh! the pebbles."

"No. Not the pebbles as they are, they have to be polished first. When we had our cottage there was a grinding stone there, and mother turned the handle and I rubbed down the stone, and then with a little powder and some oil I got polish enough to see whether they really was good for anything."
"Whether they were. Excuse me, I interrupt."

"Are you a schoolmaster, sir?"

"I-oh, dear no." "I thought you might be, and were turning the grinding stone

There was a twinkle in her eyes. "Well, sir," she continued, "then I take them to Mr. Thomas

Gasset, at Seaton, and he gives me a shilling for a very beautiful specimen, but generally eightpence or a groat."

"Ah! That is your pocket money."

"I don't know about pocket money; it generally goes into my

mouth." "In sweets."

"In bread and butter. Well, sir, Mr. Gasset works the stones up into seals or brooches, or paper weights, or just as so many specimens; and these the visitors buy. And if you be going——" " corrected Mr. Holwood. " You are-

Winefred made a slight movement with her arm, as though turning a grindstone.

"If you are going to Seaton, sir, you'll find Mr. Gasset's shop on the right-hand side of the street, about a hundred paces above the

He nodded. He was without his hat; now he stooped laboriously, for he was tightly strapped, and wore stays, and picked it up.

"And so-she turns the handle of the grindstone."

"What-my mother? Yes, sir. But our cottage has fallen down, and now we have not got the grindstone where we are."

"Where is that?"

" With Captain Rattenbury,"

"Of the Royal Navy?" "No, sir. I don't reckon he was a proper captain, nowhere--"

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"I heg your pardon -any where."

"Never mind the grinding, sir."

"My dear, polish is everything—you see it in the pebbles." She considered a moment, then smiled: "Yes, sir, polish is a great deal. I suppose we are all of us rolled up by the great sea of time, alike on the beach, but some are smoothed and shaped—and those are the ladies and gentlemen, and some are left in the rough, and those are such as mother and me."

"You are a shrewd observer. Now about this grinding stone?" Will you come and "We shall move it to the captain's house.

see it on the undercliff? Mother is there."

"I—I—no—no!" replied Mr. Holwood hastily. "My avocations call me. I cannot to-day. On some future occasion, perhaps. Pray, how long have you been with this Captain Rattenbury?"

"Two days only."
"Two days only," he repeated with an air of relief. "I was led to understand, that is to say, I understood you to have said-longer.

You are there temporarily, I suppose?" "No, sir, mother is going to be his housekeeper."

Oh!——" His countenance fell. He righted his hat on his "Does your mother ever speak to you about your father who is dead?"

" 1.e is not dead."

"Indeed; he is not dead. You are sure of that?"

He is away somewhere at the other end of the world, "Yes, sir. I am told."

"Then she speaks to you about him?"

"No, sir, never."

There ensued a long pause, which became painful. Winefred said: "But she thinks of him—a lot."

"She thinks of him!"

"Yes, sir, I can see it, when she sits on the cliff and looks away She has her mind on him then; I know by the way she loses herself; and if I speak to her she does not hear me. She seems to me to be seeking that place beyond the ocean—they call it Terra del Fuego, where he is. And at night, by the fire, she ruts her cheek in her hand and looks into the coals. I have to shake her to bring her round."

"And you believe she is thinking of him!"

"I know she is, though she never mentions him."

The girl's searching eyes were on him. He could not bear their penetrating light, and he dropped his on the shingle, which he stirred with the ferule of his umbrella.

Presently Mr. Holwood said, "Do you consider, candidly, that your mother is happy? Is she of a cheerful disposition?"
"Not over-cheerful, I reckon." He winced. "It is only when

I am at my Tomfool tricks that I can get her to smile. I never heard her laugh outright. How can she? Just you think, sir, how it would be with you if your wife had run away and gone to Terra del Fuego, and you did not know what games she was

The gentleman was visibly agitated. He fumbled in his waistcoat

rocket for his latchkey, drew it forth and blew into it.

"Some sand has got in," he explained.

He was uneasy. He desired to hear more, but was afraid to ask. He desired to see more of that honest fresh face, but he was afraid to meet the clear eyes.

"I suppose Captain Rattenbury is a respectable person?" He is not what you call a

"What do you mean by respectable. He gentleman. He's rough on all sides."
"I did not mean that—a—a good man?"

"He has been very kind to us, and is teaching me to dance."

"Oh!" Again his face fell.

"That is a bit of polish, I suppose?"

He did not answer. Presently he said, "My child," and his heart bounded as he used the term. "Your name is Winefred, you say. Does your mother have no shorter, more endearing name for you than that?"

"She calls me Winnie."

"Well, Winnie, my dear, I trust you are a good girl and say

your prayers."
"I say my prayers."
"What has your mother taught you to say?"

"I say, Our Father."
"Anything else?"

"Yes, I say God bless dear mother, for ever and ever, Amen."

"And do you never pray God to bless your dear father, who is-

in Terra del Fuego?"

"He may be my father, but he cannot be my dear father. I have never seen him to love him, and he does not care for me, as he never writes or asks anything about me. If he has been in England he has never come to see either of us. He has never sent me a kiss."

Suddenly Holwood stooped, caught the girl's head between his

hands, and pressed his lips to her brow.

"Suppose, my child, that he has sent you this from the far-away world in which he lives. Why should you not pray for your father? He may need your prayers in Terra del Fuego."
"What is the good of my saying God bless him when God cannot

do it?"

"Why not?"

"He is a bad man; he has left mother and me."

"Perhaps it was unavoidable. Terra del Fuego is a long

way off."
"No, it is not that. If he had not cut mother to the heart that she has never recovered she would have taught me to use his name. But he went away wilfully to be rid of her and me."

"You think so?"

"I know it." "And you have not thought much about him, I suppose?"

"I do not know what he is like. I know nothing about him because mother will not speak about him. But I know he is a heartless, wicked man to desert mother and me."

Holwood said nothing to this. His head had fallen. off his nodding hat and set it on the stone. He folded his arms

and looked pensively, broodingly at the pebbles.

What would he not now have given had the past been different? Ilad it been possible now to go back and reconsider his conduct? How happy he could have been in a humble dwelling by the seaside with his simple, beautiful, loving wife, and this glorious child to toke to his arms as his own flesh and blood, and for whom to scheme and build castles in the air.

But over eighteen years ago he had taken a wrong direction, and

to retrace his steps was now impossible. "Please, sir, you have dropped your key."

"Bless my soul," exclaimed he, rousing himself, "it will become choked with sand."

"There is no sand here, only small gravel."

He proceeded to stoop. But this was a slow and painful process, attended with strainings and creakings. Winefred forestalled him. She had picked up the key and presented it to him, lying across her

rosy palm, before his person had described a right angle.
"Winnie," said Holwood in a low tone, "will you do me a
pleasure? I am a man of principle—in the abstract. I subscribe to schools for the education of children in the elements of morality. It is to me a shocking thought that a young person of your age, and sex, should not invoke the blessing of heaven upon the author of your being. Would you like to possess a watch — a Geneva

He drew from his fob a delicate timepiece of gold, with a gold

"This," said he, "is a watch that I no longer have occasion for, as I possess a gentleman's repeater that belonged to my father, and which I value accordingly. Would you like to have this bauble? It is a lady's watch."

"I am not a lady."

"Only a little grindstone and shammy leather wanted, perhaps. But no more of this. Will you accept this from an entire stranger, unknown to you by name, but a Patron of Virtue. Include, henceforth, the name of your father in your devotions."

The girl flushed with pleasure and surprise.

She put forth her hand—then withdrew it again.

"I cannot pray for my dear father, but I will ask God to bless

my foor father."
"Poor !-hem-yes, poor-in Terra del Fuego, the Land of

He thrust watch and chain into her hand, caught up his beaver, and walked hastily away, that is to say as hastily as it is possible to walk over a beach of sliding rounded cobble stones.

Her poor father! Poor-not in income, comforts, waistcoats, and hats-but poor in all that makes life rich, love to surround, and

within trust and strength, and self respect. Had he remained another moment facing his child, had she seen the tears flow over his cheeks, then, as surely as she discerned the chalcedony or the agate in the moistened pebble, so surely would she have seen in the weeping man-one not wholly worthless, not one altogether flint.

CHAPTER X.

A RIFT

DELIGHTID with her watch, Winefred curled herself up behind the mass of rock so as to be sheltered from the cutting east wind, that in comparative comfort she might watch the movement of the hands, hearken to the ticking, open the case and observe the swing of the fly wheel; even try the key timorously whereby the watch was to be wound, and ascertain in which direction to turn it.

The wonder, the pleasure, afforded by this watch surpassed

previous experience.

A minute-hand danced the seconds on a subsidiary circle upon the dial. Further exploration revealed an interior where all was dainty mechanism, a diamond in which the pivot worked, a hair-spring of incredible delicacy, and minute chain-wheels of surpassing smallness. The study served to fill the girl's mind with astonishment.

At the beginning of this century watches were not in such general use as they are now; they were costly, and possessed by the rich alone. The farmer had to content himself with the clock, the labourer with the sun, and at night with the cockcrow.

Winefred was roused from her dream of delight by voices, and peering round the hunch of chalk that sheltered her, perceived the chief officer of the preventive service and one of the gaugers. They were in close conference and did not observe her.

had disappeared some time ago behind a headland.
"We shall nab the whole lot," said the officer. "They may show fight, probably they will, as they are numerous and desperate, because we have hemmed them in so close of late that they have not been able to free their goods. We have watched Lyme so closely that there has been no chance for them to run a cargo there. It all goes into that d-dhole of Beer, which it is next to impossible to keep in your eye day and night. And with its freestone quarries and burrows into every hillside, there is a veritable underground labyrinth, in which could be stowed liquor enough to supply the toping squires and merchants of the west for a dozen years. There is no tracking them there, they are in at one rathole and out at another, and verily, the Creator seems to have had smugglers in view when this coast was called up. But we shall draw the net on them this time and bag every Jack with their cargoes. I have sent for the military; there will be too many for us unaided to tackle. They purpose bringing kegs and bales to Heathfield Cross on Thursday night, and waggons will be in waiting to load them for Honiton, Lyme, and Dorchester. They will cross at the creek over against Hawkes-down, slip through Axmouth, then up the hollow way, and so to the Cross. I have made my arrangements to catch them whilst lading the conveyances, and if they smell us and drop their goods and run, the military will close up the roads in rear, and they will have no way of escape save that of plunging over the cliffs and perishing in the waters like the swine in the country of the They will not do that; better be nailed and made to serve in His Majesty's navy than break their necks.

"High time we should catch them," said the man, have grown saucy."

"They have grown desperate," retorted the officer. "They have been accumulating cargoes, and have been unable to dispose of them. Now they must do it-and so-

-" He snapped his hands. "It is no fault of ours," observed the underling, "if they have been able to run in such a lot. It is this coast does it. That of Cornwall is bad, but nothing to this. The chalk and the channel are against us. Smooth seas and fogs and a coast as full of holes as a hedge beside a warren-what can be done?"

"Well," said the officer, "keep your council now, Do not trust

even your own men. Some of them may have been tan--stranger things than that have happened."

"Well, sir, I suppose they have leaky vessels among!"
To be sure they have. Were it not so, I should no:

forewarned of this." "You can rely on me, sir."

"I know I can."

And the men walked away.

Winefred heard no more, owing to the grinding of t under their feet, but she had heard sufficient.

It was as she had surmised. She had been employed to message connected with a smuggling enterprise, and the been betrayed by one of the confederates.

She was annoyed at having been involved by Ratter proceeding with which she had no sympathy; she was to the danger that menaced him and his son Jack, who, she fident, would not act upon the advice she had tender further, she saw that if the captain were taken, she and I would probably lose the home they had just got into.

Winefred had no decided opinions relative to the no smuggling. The atmosphere on that coast was charged Her grandfather had been engaged in the contraband tredays, and her mother's brother had lost his life in an affron preventive men. On this account her sympathics were rathose who broke the law, and it was manifestly to her in exert herself to protect them in the danger that menaccil. did not relish the trade that was being so largely carried or neighbourhood. It was surreptitious, it ranged with house and arson. And, as her mother held, it brought no luck engaged in it. She had been shown a pint mug with w guineas had been measured out among the sharers in a run. They had not troubled to ccunt the gold. Yet not had remained with her grandfather, and he, to whom many pints of gold had been allotted, had died penniless. It is from any deep moral principle that Winefred was or smuggling, but partly because she thought no luck attaand therefore it must be wrong, mainly because it was no and daylight profession, and she had a natural aversion it is thing that was not manifest and straightforward.

Winefred did not leave her hiding place till she could so unobserved; till one man had ascended the path to the star: :, and the other had taken the beach way to Lyme Regis.

Then she came from behind the rock.

She resolved not to mount the track that led up the slight, as it passed the cottages of the coastguard, and under the circums sinces

she deemed it advisable to give them a wide borth.

Her only other way of reaching the captain's course was circuitous. It lay along the beach, and she would have to deal le Haven Head and ascend the combe by which she and her mother had mounted on that eventful evening when they were first introduced to the reader.

There was no way up the cliffs between these points; they rise as a white precipitous wall three hundred feet. But she knew the strand—every reef, indentation, every buttress of chalk, and every cave. She had paced it a hundred times pebble-hunting.

On this occasion she did not look further for stones; she had cares that weighed on her mind and occupied her thoughts.

So she tramped along till she reached a doubly familiar spot. Immediately aloft stood the cottage she had occupied from it facey. A hedge had skirted the edge of the crags as a protection, and she had been prohibited from going beyond that hedge, even from climbing it.

Now, on looking up, she was startled to observe a displacement of the rock and a dislocation in the hedge. The cliff had parted from the down and taken as it were a step seaward, and was sightly lurching. The hedge was discontinuous, and she could see that a rift had formed that shore deep into where their garden had it Winefred was so surprised at what she saw that, regar - of

risk, she resolved to examine the phenomenon closely. Instead of treading at the very margin of the retreating ii.k.

the larger shingle ceased and gravel began, she advance foot of the rocks, and now saw that the cleft descended a summit to the very base. An entire shoulder or mass had set from the main body, and was parted from it by a chasm class by a knife. Not only so, but the portion that had detach Winefred was surprised at what she saw, at. of an inquisitive disposition, and regardless of danger, she close to the mouth of the chasm. It was torn through the superincumbent beds and through the subjacent sandstone portion of turfy down had moved seaward, but had ... without any violent oscillation, for it had not been so shak break into fragments and strew the shore with dislodged On the contrary, it had parted from the mainland with a ; of violence, and it was in sinking that it had detached itself.

Winefred first peered into the rift, then cautiously entere is looked up at the white walls barred with strata of flints. which were snapped across by the disruption.

No stones were falling. No further movement was per-With beating heart the girl not only entered the chasm but her course up it.

The sky above showed as a white silk ribbon. Aburda light flowed in from the mouth and from above, but the chill and the smell damp and earthy,

The bottom was encumbered with fallen blocks of chalk. lumps of sugar, and over these Winefred scrambled featless belt of what is locally termed "fox-earth" showed above to and from it distilled water in tears.

She could distinguish a cavern-one of those subten reservoirs which in the calcareous beds had received and he water that percolated down through the pervious rock till itself been drained by the water filtering to a still lower leve

Winefred climbed with hands and feet over a mound of then down the side, and found that the rift still penetrated and lost itself in darliness. It was obvious that the scision in been complete, the block that had parted from the down hi completely effected its insulation, or there would assuredly have a streak of light at the further end.

Winefred was familiar with cliffs, clefts, and caves: they sented to her no terrors, were invested with no mystery: It was scarcely aware of the actual risk she underwent. phenomena may be safely investigated after they have desired

themselves, but hardly whilst in process of formavettheless she advanced, and now she saw that the had a limit, and that this limit was composed of a k and flint and earth from above forming a sharp which it would be feasible to scramble and posthis means to attain to the surface of the down. all save Winefred a long circuit; moreover, the te oliered the zest of novelty, and she was hungry. e proceeding, however, she peeped into the li was apparently extensive, penetrating some dwindling in size as it receded. The floor was and dry. Then Winefred began to mount the The fallen chalk and earth had to estent dropped powdery, so that her feet sank, re and there she came on cores of hard stone on on beds of flint caked together. She passed ared vein cut in section, where water charged had run and had stained the rock.

continued toilfully to work her way upwards she show complete the dislocation of the bedshad been diffication of flints was not continuous on both. The bed of silicious nodules on one side was reson the other at a depth of ten to fifteen feet, showing a cleavage had been brought about by sinkage.

silence in the cleft was absolute save for an enal downpatter of dry earth or pebbles, but there considerable fall whilst Winefred was there.

iscent was laborious, nevertheless the girl proseher attempt with resolution, and was finally sucin attaining the turf, but in a condition so soiled knew she would be scolded by her mother.

on Winefred was at the surface she saw that for instance beyond where she had come out, the turf twn, as cloth might be ripped by a sharp tug.

chasm was in process of extension, and eventually stretch across the entire headland and detach it her.

w she saw why her mother's cottage had given w. It had been planted on that portion of the crag with had subsided. But the subsidence had been uneven, wished, so that what remained of the house was on an row, and a lateral crack from the main rift had reached and thown down one of the walls.

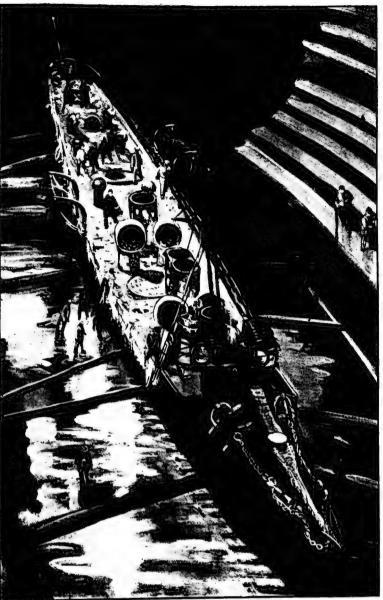
1) places the turf looked like a pane of glass that had leen struck by a cricket ball. It was starred with resisting fractures.

the girl leaned over and looked down the gulf out of which she had emerged. It seemed of prodigious depth and atterly dark.

The lips were not above fifteen feet apart at top, the wall on the landside descended perpendicularly, whereas that on the further side was slightly inclined.

Only at the extreme end of the chasm where she had a control was it possible to climb to the top, and it was obvious that the rent was gradually but surely prolonging itself.

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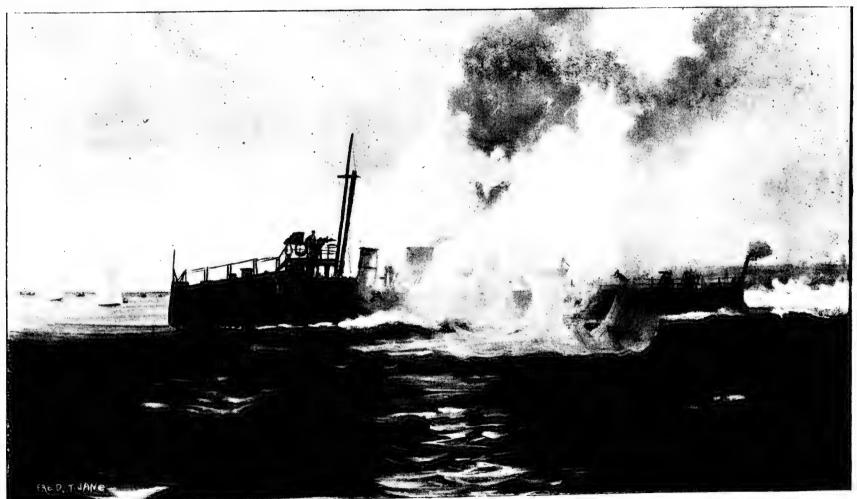
IN DOCK AT PORTSMOUTH AFTER THE ACCIDENT

Ram-fighting in Bengal

In their own way the natives of India are sportsmen, in that they enjoy wagering on the element of chance. Throughout the great Peninsula the natives rarely lose an opportunity of risking their money. Large sums change hands upon the most trivial events of daily life. Fighting partridges and bulbuls are but a refinement in speculation when it is a common practice to wager on household events, such as a birth or death. In the Punjab, next to rain and tides, wrestling is the most universal means of betting. But in agricultural Bengal they possess another excitement over which men will mortgage their crops and cattle if a special favourite be in the field. This sport

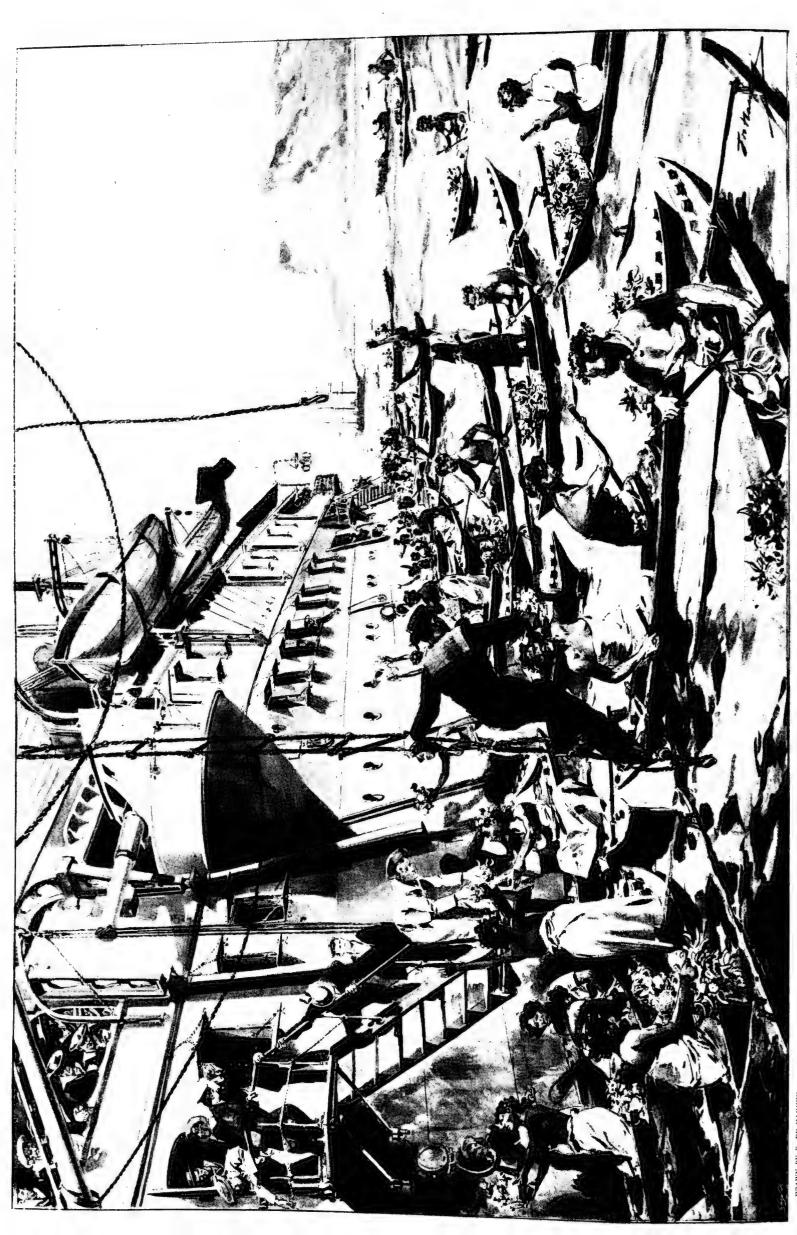
is ram-fighting.

The methods are primitive, not to say savage. A likely male lamb is chosen, when quite young, and his preparation often extends over eighteen months to two years before he is called to carry his village's money. The first operation is to make him grow suitable horns. To attain this end he must undergo a rather brutal treatment. When his first horns appear the owner grasps them in his teeth, and by dint of oscillation they are thus torn out of their sockets. This operation has to be repeated upon subsequent growths two or three times. Then the young champion develops a really massive pair, very broad at the He is always chained, presumedly to make him pugnacious. When his horns are sufficiently tough he is taught butting. His trainer dons a wooden shield, and the ram is taught to butt this, at first with only a short run. But as he takes to his training he backs further and further from the object, until the legitimate distance is arrived at. By this he has begun to put such force into his butts that it takes two men to hold the shield, and a good ram will upset them at every charge. When he is fit he is taken to the local landlord or some other rich patron and a match is arranged. Lists are chosen, chairs are placed for the wealthy patrons, and the various partisans range up behind their respective The trainers straddle their animals, grasping them by the horns and bring them into the arena facing each other about forty feet apart. The word is given, the trainers slip the animals, and the rams precipitate themselves forward at lightning speed, heads down, quarters up. They meet with a thundering crash, the horns and skulls clanging as if they were metal. The animals then back of their own accord, and close again, with the same awful impetuosity. Again and again they close, until one of the two refuses to face the music. Then the victor chases him from the arena. It is a curious fact that though a beaten ram will face other opponents, and defeat them by dozens, yet it will never face a ram which has once defeated it.



The explosion on board the destroyer Bullfirch occurred while she was proceeding down the Solent last Friday. The vessel was running at her full speed of thirty knots when the connecting rod of the starboard engine broke and knocked off the end of the piston rod. There was an immediate rush of steam into the compartment, and not one man emerged from it unscathed. A boat belonging to the yacht Goshawk happened to be close to the Bullfinch when the explosion occurred. Those on board of her were absorbed in watching to be terrific speed at which the destroyer was steaming. Suddenly they heard a tremendous noise followed by the terrific speed at which the destroyer was steaming. Suddenly they heard a tremendous noise followed by the terrific speed at which the other properties of the men on deck to get into the engine-room were at clacken speed and then stopped dead. The efforts of the men on deck to get into the engine-room were at clacken speed and then stopped dead. The efforts of the men on deck to get into the engine-room were at clacken speed and then stopped dead. The efforts of the men on deck to get into the engine-room were at clacken speed and then stopped dead. The efforts of the men on deck to get into the engine-room were at clacken speed and then stopped dead. The efforts of the men on deck to get into the engine-room were at clacken speed and then stopped dead. The efforts of the men on deck to get into the engine-room were at clacken speed and then stopped dead. The efforts of the men on deck to get into the engine-room were at clacken speed and then stopped dead. The efforts of the men on deck to get into the engine-room were at clacken speed and then stopped dead. The efforts of the men on deck to get into the engine-room were at clacken speed and then stopped dead. The efforts of the men on deck to get into the engine-room were at clacken speed and then stopped dead. The efforts of the men on deck to get into the engine-room were at the deck of the men on deck to get into the engine-room were at

killed an I wounded lying about the place. When the rescuers entered, the port engine was still working, and a large hole had been knocked in the vessel's bottom just by the starboard engine. Through this aperture the sea water was pouring in considerable volume. A collision mat was promptly placed over this hole, and subsequently it was patched up sufficiently to enable the Bullfinch to be taken to one of the dockyard basins preparatory to her being inspected by experts from the Admiralty. One of our illustrations shows the destroyer as she appeared on her arrival in dock at Portsmouth. Nothing in the nature of wreckage was visible from the dock, but the whole deck looked as though there had been a fall of snow. Everything was spotted white, and bits of rag, engine-room waste, and so forth, hung from all the railings and upon every deck erection. Up to the present there have been eleven victims to the disaster, seven men being killed outright and four dying of their injuries later





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Princesses Margaret and Patricia of Connaught Selling Flowers



Princess Christian at the Flower Stall



The Duke of Connaught Selling Lavender



Crown Prince of Siam Princess Beatrice Lady Poynder

The Court

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has now joined Her Majesty and Princess Beatrice at Osborne, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and their family will spend some time there before going abroad, and the Prince of Wales will pay frequent visits from his yacht. The Duke and Duchess of York are also expected with their three child en. The also depended with their transfer of the Queen at Ryde yesterday (Friday) when Her Majesty was to open the new Children's Wingof the Isle of Wight Infirmary. This addition has been built in memory of the "Longest Reign," and was to have been opened some months ago, but the ceremony was deferred owing to the Royal mourning for the Hereditary Prince of Saxe-Coburg. Another memorial ceremony was at Carisbrooke Castle, where Princess Beatrice, as Governor of the Castle, opened the new gates erected to her husband's memory. Although the Queen held several Investitures during her stay at Windsor, there are still more recipients of Birthday Honours wa'ting, so Her Majesty has fixed another Investiture for August 2 at Osborne.

Few and far between are the Queen's appearances at fancy bazaars, so her visit to the Duke and Duchess of Connaught's charitable sête at Bagshot Park was quite an event. Altogether the bazaar was a grand success, amply repaying the Duke and Duchess for their efforts. They have always taken the greatest interest in Eagshot Church, as its near neighbours, and when funds were wanted for its restoration the Duke and Duchess not only lent their grounds for the bazaar, but worked hard at the arrangements and acted as stall-holders. The Queen lent the marquees, &c., gave handsome contributions, and finally came herself to the bazaar on the second afternoon. On both days the Duke and Duchess presided at their stall, in the big centre tent, helped by their daughters, Princess Christian and her daughter, and Princess Beatrice with her children. All the Royal party assembled at the gates to meet the Queen, who drove to the lawn in a little carriage drawn by a cream-coloured pony, and then entered the tent specially erected for her comfort. This tent had been used by the Duke and Duchess on the Nile, and looked very pretty with its Oriental furnishings and a background of oaks, copper beeches, and silver maples. Here the Royal party had tea, and then the Queen got into her ponycarriage and made the tour of the stalls, the Duke of Connaught walking by her side. Much to the delight of the general public Her Majesty could be well seen throughout, making purchases, stopping by the bandstand to hear the Camerons play, and finally going back to the tent to rest before leaving.

Mourning for her mother—and now for her nephew, the Tsarevitch — has kept the Princess of Wales away from most social festivities this season, but it has not prevented her from taking her usual active part in charitable functions. So she came up from Sandringham expressly for two philanthropic engagements last week, the first being the opening of the new buildings of the Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip-disease, Queen Square, Bloomsbury. Thirty-two years ago the present important institution began in a small way, and later was named after the Princess, who has taken keen personal interest in its development to the present fine buildings, and often comes with her daughters to visit the patients. The Prince of Wales and Princess Victoria accompanied the Princess to the opening ceremony, held in the principal ward on the first floor. Prayers by the Bishop of London and the usual official statement by the chairman began the proceedings, and the Princess then pronounced the Hospital open, accepting a gold key of the buildings in return. After a speech from the Prince of Wales, the Royal party made a tour of the wards, the Princesses giving flowers from their bouquets to the little patients.

The welfare of the sick was the origin also of the next important gathering over which the Princess presided-the reception at Marlborough House of over 1,000 nurses lately become members of the National Pension Fund. As President



Lady Dudley



Duchess of Connaught

THE ROYAL BAZAAR AT BAGSHOT PARK

the Princess has worked energetically for the cause, and four years ago received the first members to present them with their certificates of association. Since then so many fresh members have joined that the Princess decided on holding a similar reception this summer. The nurses assembled in the grounds, and were drilled into proper order by a squad of army sergeants. In their varied uniforms the nurses made a brave show when the Princess of Wales came out of the house with her husband and daughter, and the Duke and Duchess of York. On the lawn a beautiful Indian tent had been erected, gay in scarlet and gold, with a pale green lining embroidered in a Persian design, the tent being supported by beaten silver pillars. Here the Princess stood for over an hour distributing the certificates as the nur es passed before her in perfect military order. This ceremony concluded, a few speeches were made, and the nurses gave three hearty cheers for the Prince and Princess. Members of the new League of Mercy were then presented, and afterwards the Prince and Princess walked about speaking to many of the nurses. The Princess's duties did not end here, for after lunch she paid a private visit to the London Hospital.

Most of the Koyalties are either gone or going for their holidays. The Prince of Wales is spending the Goodwood week with Mr. and Mrs. Willie James at their charming place near Chichester, West Dean Park, while the Duke and Duchess of York are staying with the Duke of Richmond for the races. At the end of the week they all go to Cowes for the yachting, staying on board the Osborne.

Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein Prince Christian

The children's ward, which has been erected as a memorial of the Queen's Long Reign, contains on the ground floor, entrance lobby, with linen and clothes cupboard and staircase, bathroom, ward scullery, nurses' room, ward for ten cots, and a large sun room. The sun room is placed at the east end, and is polygonal in form. A very fine bust of the Queen by Mr. E. Onslow Ford, R.A., has been placed in the niche over the verandah entrance. The whole has been designed by Messrs. Young and Hall (who sent us the photograph from which our illustration is taken), and has been carried out by Mr. Langdon, of Ryde

THE NEW CHILDREN'S WING OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT HOSPITAL

The Prince of Wales will only remain of the time days, as he coes early to Marienbad for a large of waters. The Princess has gone back on handringham for a few days before starting was ther daughters for Bayreuth.

The "Shamrock" and the "Columbia"

Ir adds largely to the interest of the coming contest between the Shamrock and the Columnia that no trustworthy data exist on which to base comparisons of speed. Both, it is true, have lost their sailing subjected to test in friendly competit on with other big racing cutters. Both, too, have done well in these preliminary trials. But beyon that amount of public knowledge stands the wilnown. To begin with, it is wholly impossible to got a line through the Britannia and the Definit, the cutters chosen to test the merits of the Simmorek and the Columbia respectively. We know that the Prince of Wales's grand boat fairly carried all before her in English waters when in racing trim, But that was some time ago, and yachts do

not improve with age. It has to be remembered, however, that the Prince, like the thorough sportsman he is, went to the expense of giving her new equipment and complete overignaling before putting her in the lists against Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger. All defects were thus made good, while rumour asserts that some improvements were introduced in both sails, spars, and stowage which materially increased the great cutter's speed. If that was the case, the Shamrock must be a veritable flyer, as it is be and dispute that, in every trial and at all points of sailing, except running, she got the better of the Prince's popular craft. All yachting eyers are agreed that the Shamrock stands up to the canvas in a surjusting manner, and she spins round when beating against a head wind with admirable smartness. Inasmuch, then, as these used to be the Britannia's strongest points of sailing, the new clipper . 1988 out well so far. Curious to say, she has not done nearly so well, comparatively, in running, which was expected to be her stronger point of sailing. Some attribute this inferiority to the myst and configuration of keel which has been kept so secret. A much and probable explanation would be that her owner, feeling could be about her behaviour before the wind, cautioned her skip to the to overcrowd her with canvas lest her hull should be straine.

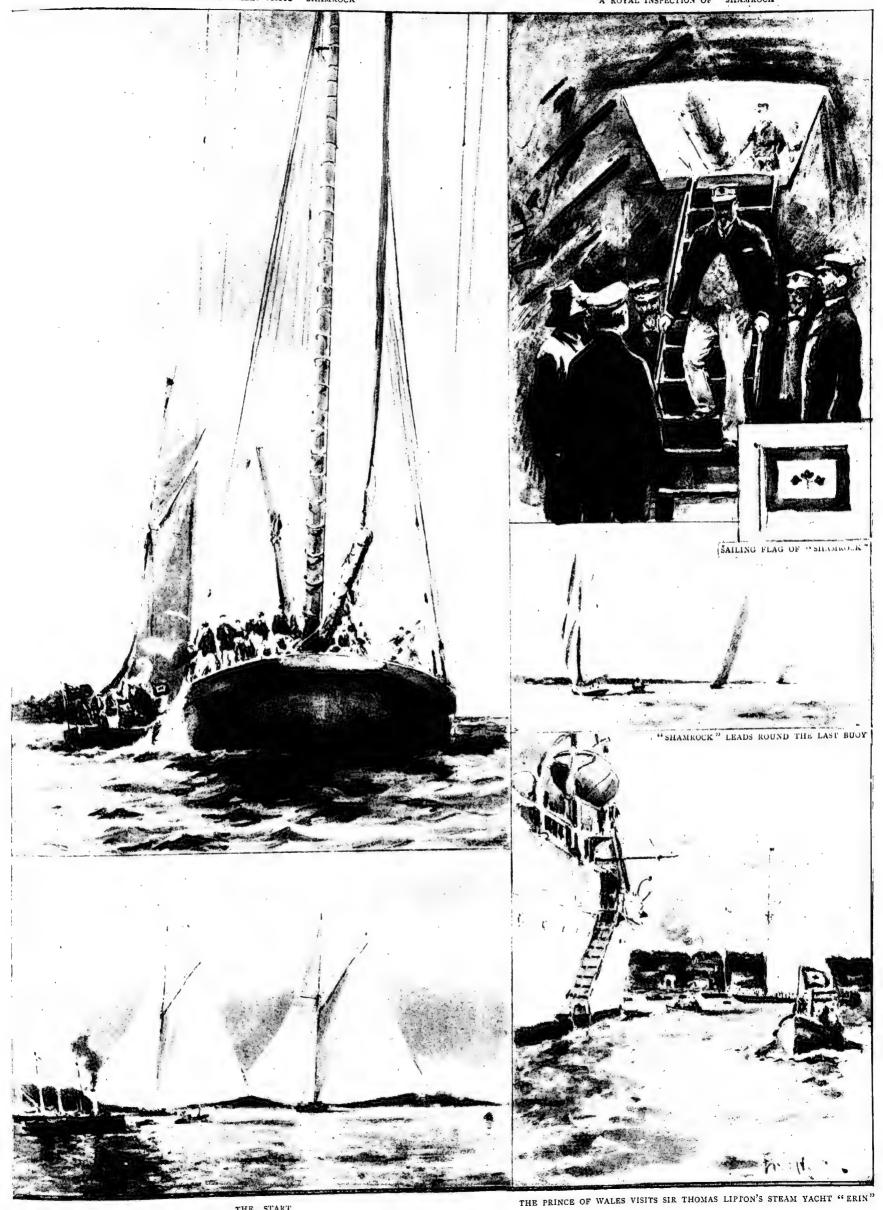
Turning to the Columbia's trials, the question of question whether the Detender is as smart as when she defeated the seed Lord Dunraven's Valky ies. It cannot be denied that the American champion sailed l.ke a witch, and if she has served her speed and weatherliness, Sir Thomas Lipton w all his work cut out to bring back the America Cup to En-In the recent test-trials, the Columbia always got the better :

Defender, but not so easily as the Shamrer's the Britannia. If, therefore, age has deter-the sailing qualities of the fragile Defender producing the same effect on the stronger Britannia, the trials go some little way to be some slight superiority in the English cutters the American.

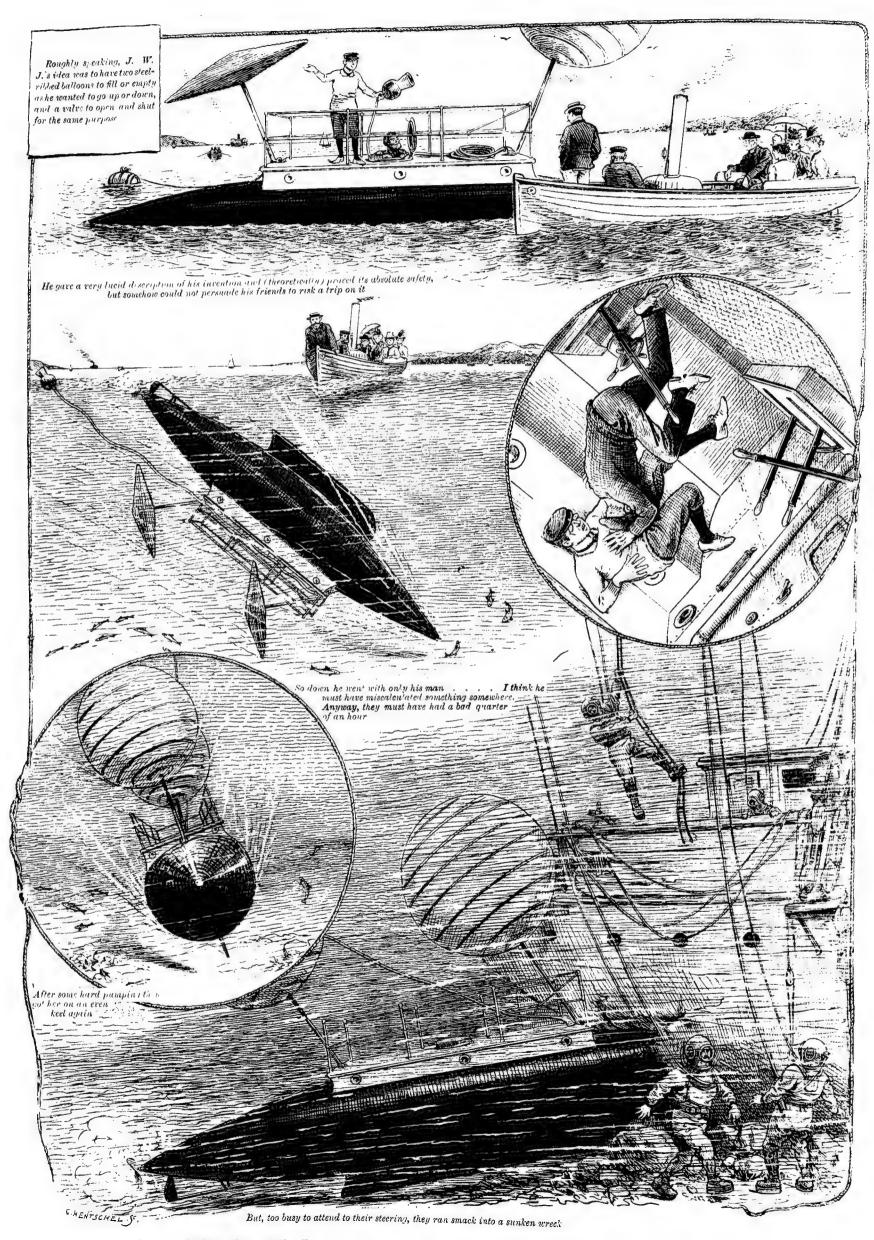
Here, however, another unknown factor to upset all calcutions. Neither of the new has yet been officially measured, and until: done it will be impossible to guess the and time allowance to be given by the larger ers no time smaller. In the late trials, there ance for difference of size, and it is possible. fore, that if the several yachts had been measur Britannia and the Defender would have r much better show. The Shamrock certainly be be considerably larger than the Prince's but even the most accomplished experts of wrong when estimating tonnage from and dimensions above water line. It is a the Columbia also appears to be larger ! Defender; if that really be the case, ther not be much time allowance on either side approaching contest. That it will be fair; squarely fought out goes without the saying vided that the New York port authorities inopen course for both boats from start to American yachtsmen are as staunch uphel: fair play as British, but on several occasion skippers of New York steamboats have show the they do not share the sentiment.

THE PRINCE OF WALES VISITS "SHAMROCK"

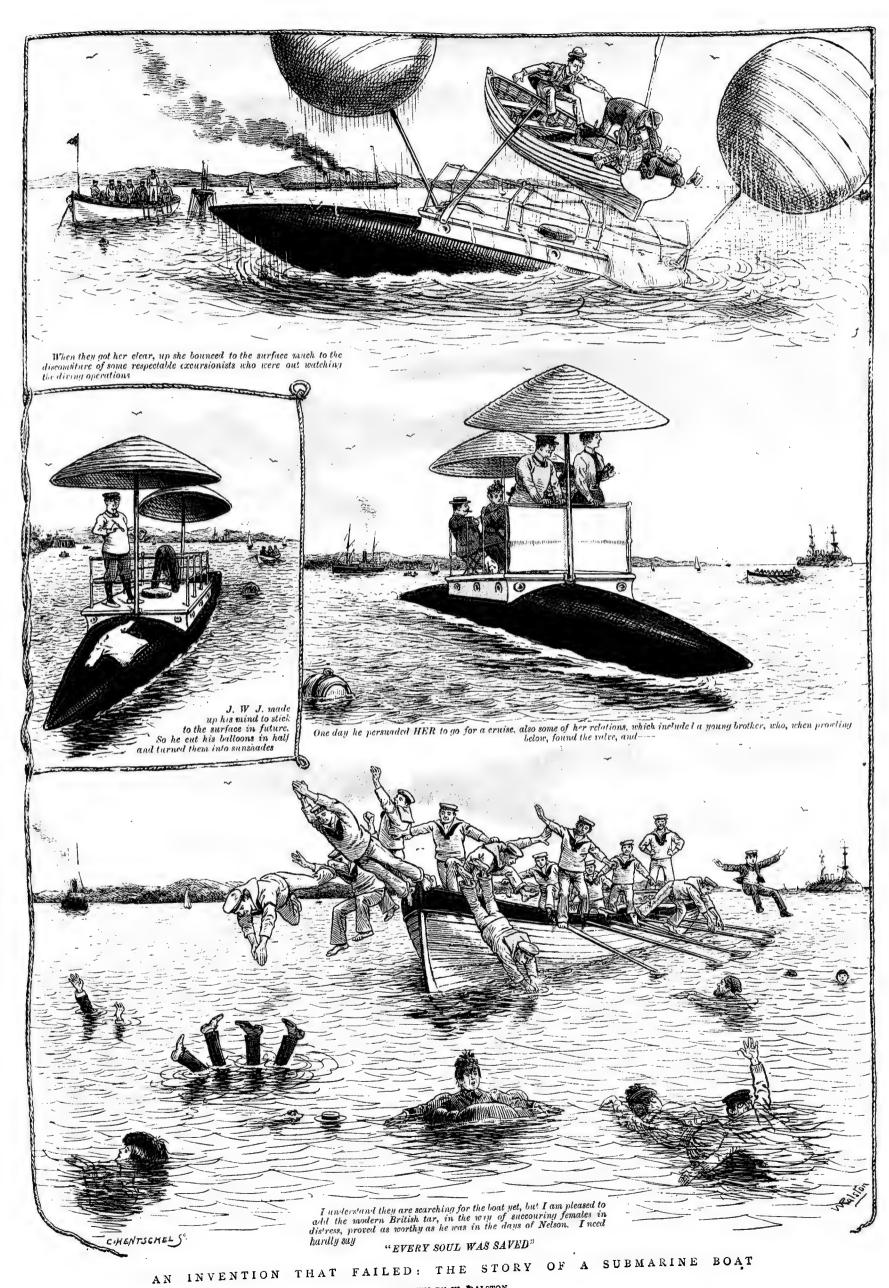
A ROYAL INSPECTION OF "SHAMROCK"



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AN INVENTION THAT FAILED: THE STORY OF A SUBMARINE BOAT



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Comments Club

By "MARMADUKE"

THE Season has evaporated, like the Baker in "The Hunting of the Snark," of whom it is written that-

In the midst of the word he was trying to say, In the midst of his laughter and glee, He had softly and suddenly vanished away,

the London Season has dissolved-

For the Snark was a Boojum, you see.

In other words, the Season of 1899 was a signal failure from the West End point of view. The tradespeople, however, appear to have little cause for complaint, as the number of Americans and foreigners who have visited London during the last few months has been phenomenal.

Pesides, the prosperity of the country is said to be altogether exceptional at this moment, and money has been overflowing into a variety of channels, 'hough not in the directions which such overflows formerly took. Indoor entertainments are discredited. Solemn dinners out have been replaced by more cheerful entertainments at restaurants; play-parties are immeasurably more popular than dismal receptions, and the young men and women of the day do not much affect dancing. Ours is essentially an athletic age. Give the present generation a multisude of races and regattas, and much boating, cycling, driving, and continual change, and it is supremely happy. Exercise and display glorified by notoriety—that is the ideal of the moment.

At the beginning of this half of the century money making was a At the beginning of this half of the century money-making was a despised occupation—it is now the preoccupying object of all. Gambling in every form is practised by young and old alike, and many women commence to play "Bridge" immediately after luncheon, and continue to risk their money at this game until the small hours of the morning with but slight interruption. There is a craze for gold, and all is overlooked in presence of the mere possessions of wealth. The chief characteristics have, however, not materially changed. materially changed.

sauce to the confirmed clubman. No club secretary has ever written his reminiscences. Why is that? Were a duly qualified secretary gifted with tact, a good memory, and a sense of humour to set down some of his experiences, he should be able to produce one of the most amusing books of the year. This suggestion is made with the hope that it may be acted upon in the near future.

The Oxford-Cambridge and Barbard-Pale Sports

Success such as that which attended the meeting between the English and American Universities at Queen's Club is more than enough to warrant the hope that some day Anglo-American sport may be established on as sound and friendly a basis as Anglo-Australian cricket, and that the meetings may be as regularly frequent. The arrangements were perfect, the temper in which the events of the meeting were fought out was perfect, even the weather was perfect. From an American University point of view, the allocation of the winning event might have been more perfect, but then, failing the unsatisfactory issue of a draw, someone must win, and Harvard and Yale have the satisfaction of someone must win, and Harvard and Yale have the satisfaction of feeling that, after all, they were beaten only on the enemy's ground and partly by the enemy's climate. The odd event, although accident contrived that its decision was postponed until the last race, the Three Miles, really hung on the Half-Mile race. On "paper form" America should have won this through Mr. Burke, the Harvard record holder. But the Harvard man, though the secret had been well kept, had not been well for a week before the race, and when it came to spurting in the straight he was quite unable to go the pace, and Oxford and Cambridge, to everyone's surprise, won the event unchallenged. But this was the only event wherein both sides did not perform up to their form, or above it. Even in the Hammer Throwing, where Boal, of Harvard, won by a margin of some twenty-seven feet, the Oxford man, Greenshields, threw well up to his best form; and in the High Jump, which nobody expected the Englishmen to win, Adair, of Oxford, jumped half an inch higher than he had ever jumped before. In the Long Jump Vassall, of Oxford, kept up the reputation of the meeting for a high level of merit by jumping

though the time was not very good, was remarkable for attempt which Palmer of Yale made to get on trans winner, Workman, of Pembroke, Cambridge, Mr. Wor the hero of the meeting, chiefly because of Mr. P.dar effort, which at one time seemed not without a chance this race—and the odd event with it—out of the fire to America. But as a matter of fact this race in page was behind the Hurdles, the Hundred Yards, and the (Harvard won the Hundred Yards by a desperate effects ten yards, the Hurdles was the fastest race ever run in '... and Paget-Tomlinson, though he lost to Fox, nev: better, while the Quarter Mile will always remain in brance of those who saw it as a most magnificent piece ship on the part of Mr. Davison and Mr. Hollis.

Our Portraits

MR. THOMAS H. ISMAY, D.L., chairman of the V. Line Steamship Company, of Liverpool, has been presented freedom of the City of Belfast, in recognition of the Lefits conferred upon the city through the construction at Quasi-Shipyard (Messrs. Harland and Wolf's) of the entire V. 1-land · Star fleet, consisting of twenty-three vesaels and 295,900 in of shipping. Though the pioneer steamer of the White Steal launched less than thirty years back, the flag first floor ... was over a fleet of swift sailing ships which carried the mails to more than half a century ago. Mr. Ismay bough: Australian line, and eventually converted it into the Oce *team Navigation Company, now one of the biggest shipping the day. In 1887 Mr. Ismay attained his fiftieth year co. matty with the Queen's Jubilee, and in celebration of the e. ; gave 20,000% to found a pension fund for old and wormout is expool sailors. After the launch of the Oceanic the City Communication mously decided to present the freedom to Mr. Ismay, the workers on Queen's Island at once voluntarily subscribed for a handsome gold casket, in which the ticket was plant. Our portrait is from a photograph by Walery.

General Russell A. Alger, United States Secretary for War, has formally sent in his resignation to Mr. McKinley, and his the will



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MR. ALBERT DE RUTZEN New Magistrate at Bow Street



GENERAL RUSSELL A. ALGER



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The Countess of Albany and Alfieri, who visited London in 1791, wrote:-"Although I knew that the English were melancholy I could not imagine that their capital was so to the point at which I found it. No kind of society, plenty of crowds. Englishwomen are fond of play, and the great ladies are very fond of dissipation. Intimate society, and the charm of this society, are unknown in London." A hundred odd years has not greatly altered these material elements.

Golf has been the making of many districts which until now have been systematically overlooked. Give an average Englishman a ball and a stick, and he soon attains happiness. It is in his nature to kick a ball, to punch it, and to hit it, and he will do this, to his complete satisfaction, in every possible variety of ways which human ingenuity can devise. For the moment the golf style of treating a ball is the most popular, so that it is only necessary to lay out the required "links" to attract a multitude of Englishmen to the even least attractive spot. Those whose enterprise runs in the direction of establishing hotels have quickly seized upon this development, and hotels have been erected wherever golf links could be formed without any reference to the charms of the surrounding scenery. Golf and fresh air are sufficient bait, and cheerfully paid for the enjoyment combination.

Again the hardened clubman who seldom strays far from the West End, and whose club is practically his home, is beginning to growl. A more enlightened policy has for some years now led many committees to only partially close the clubs whilst the annual cleaning and repairs were being carried out in the autumn. This flash of enlightenment seems to have collapsed, for this year almost every London club is to be temporarily closed. It is difficult to obtain any satisfactory explanation of this return to the barbarous customs of the past, and without such an explanation the clubman of the kind which has been described has good cause for complaint.

No doubt in most cases he is supplied with a refuge by some hospitable institution in 'he neighbourhood, but to such men no club fulfils all the requirements which does his own. Besides, it is unn annualy to grumble when on a visit, and grumbling is the best twenty-three feet; but the American who was second to him jumped well ever twenty-two feet, and if it had been an average year would have most likely won the event for his side. The Mile, run in 4 min. 24 secs., was another good performance, though Harvard and Yale were quite outclassed in it; and the Three Miles,



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THE COLT AUTOMATIC GUN

be taken by Mr. Elihu Root. Mr. McKinley, in the ting the resignation, wrote:-"I desire to thank you for the fathful service rendered to the country at the most exacting a field regard and esteem, I am, yours sincerely, WILLIAM McK.

M. André Lebon, ex-Minister of Colonies, has come ... very desirable prominence by reason of the truth co-about the cruelties practised on Captain Dreyfus daring prisonment at Devil's Island. There is little doubt unfortunate Captain's punishment was arbitrarily aggia Minister, and transformed from simple transportation. tary confinement because the Minister had no desire should escape. He was punished for things which har, Europe, the non-arrival of a telegram, the suspicious of an official, an unfounded report in the English Press. declares that when he put Captain Dreyfus in chains, it wit a temporary measure till the palisade should be constru his telegram said, "Till further orders," It was the before he made further inquiries, and two months before were removed on account of the "extreme slowness with a palisade was built." M. Lebon, a few lines lines lat rethe effect of the famous palisade on the health of Captarito to the fact that it was "constructed in haste." By lay Dreyfus had the right to go and live with her husband. was refused her because she would have denounced the illegalities and tortures to which her husband was subject portrait is from a photograph by Disdéri, l'aris.

Mr. Albert de Rutzen, of the Marlborough Street 10 who succeeds to the vacancy caused by the retirement of Vaughan as magistrate at Bow Street, has been a me police magistrate since 1876. Our portrait is from a photo, Elliott and Fry.

Mr. E. W. Garrett, who has been appointed to be a magistrate in place of Sir James Vaughan, was educated at bury School and at St. Library Control by He was bury School and at St. John's College, Cambridge. He was field to the Bar in 1875, and practiced on the Midland Circuit. to the Bar in 1875, and practised on the Midland Circuit. revising barrister for the Nuneaton, Rugby and Stratford in a sof Warmished in the Nuneaton, Rugby and Stratford in the Strat of Warwickshire. Our portrait is from a photograph by Rat-

The Theatres

By F. MOY THOMAS

SIR HENRY IRVING bids farewell to the LYCEUM this evening, end the departure of the company of that theatre on their long revincial and American wanderings marks the close of the theatri-I season. During the next few weeks London will have to get on s best it can with only eleven West End houses open, to which must be added the great variety theatres, as they are called, and the harban houses which have been springing up with such extra-edinary rapidity during the last five or six years. It is a noteworthy fact that these suburban houses do not, like their more distocratic rivals, shut up shop during the hot weather. At least · inteen of them go on changing their programmes regularly every acek as usual. There are thus, exclusive of the music halls, no than twenty-four theatres open in London at the dullest aniod of the dramatic year. Nor is the dull season of long duration Aidrus. August will not yet be quite out before the HAYMARKET il re-open its doors with the new play in which Mrs. Langtry is il re-open its doors with the new play in which Mrs. Langtry is make her re-appearance, and during September the new autumn polactions at DAURY LANF, HER MAJESTY'S, the ADELPHI, the TAUDEVILLE and elsewhere are due. The St. James's will remain closed for an unusually long time, re-opening in January next, but The Guinea Pigs, Miss Gertrude Warden's new play, which was brought out at the PRINCESS OF WALES'S Theatre, at Kennington, on Monday evening, tells the story of a wealthy company promoter who buys an estate in the country, and who, after being treated with contempt by the neighbouring county families, succeeds, by methods of which a good deal has been heard of late, in getting their names to certain of his schemes. These people, of course, are the "guinea pigs," which, as most people are aware, means men who have no sort of knowledge of companies, but who sit at their board meetings for a fee. One object the authoress had in view doubtless was to contrast the manners of the nouveau riche with that of the aristocratic people with whom he is brought in contact. Unfortunately, the comparison was all to the advantage of the nouveau riche. To attempt to give a romantic interest to so sordid a subject was certainly not a happy inspiration. The company engaged in the representation has, it is announced, been specially engaged by the authoress, and includes Mr. George S. Titheradge and Miss Essex Dane.

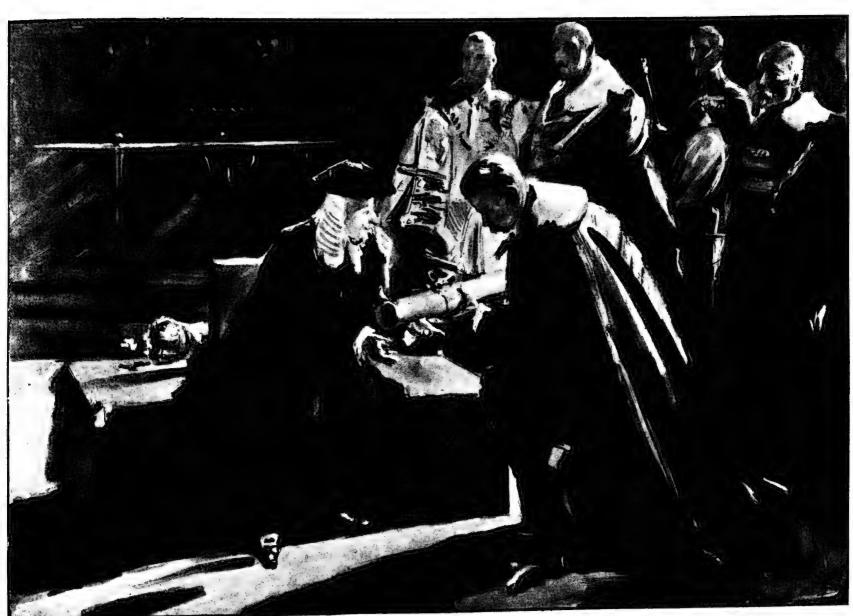
In The Elder Miss Blossom playgoers were moved to tear; by the acting of Mrs. Kendal in the part of a middle-aged spinster to whom a proposal of marriage has been sent by mistake, her supposed admirer having confounded her name with that of her youthful niece. Mr. W. T. McClellan in What! More Trouble? brought out at a matinée last week at the PRINCE OF WALES'S Theatre, has taken the same idea, and instead of

have made a great success as the heroine, will probably appear in it together with Mr. Herbert Sleath.

The Irish drama, which the late Mr. Boucicault made so popular, has not been heard of much of late years. Now that things seem quiet in Ireland, however, it seems to show signs of returning animation. Mrs. Lewis Waller will shortly take on tour a new play by Mr. J. B. Fagan on the subject of the rebellion of '95, in which she will be supported by Mr. Robert Loraine, and on the 14th of next month a new Irish romantic drama, The Rose of Rathboy, by Mr. Dan Fitzgerald, will be produced at the Princess of Wales's Theatre, Kennington.

It is understood that the new drama by Messrs. Seymour Hicks and Fred G. Latham, at the Addeptit, is to be, like the Harbour Lights, on a nautical subject. One scene will represent the deck of a first-class man-of-war. Among the company engaged for its representation are Mr. Robert Pateman, Mr. Herbert Sleath, Mr. W. L. Abingdon, Mr. Harry Nicholls, Mrs. Cecil Raleigh, and Mrs. Henry Leigh.

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THE NEW PEER PRESENTING HIS PATENT TO THE LORD CHANCELLOR BEFORE TAKING THE OATH

LORD KITCHENER TAKING HIS SEAT IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

A SKETCH BY SYDNEY P. HALL

That is because it is being practically rebuilt to render it more in a moreordance with modern ideas as to the comfort and, it may be a bled, the safety of audiences. The Sr. James's is, or we should say was, seeing that it is already in the hands of the housebreakers, the last of the old-fashioned wooden theatres. Its long narrow corridors, along which it was almost impossible for more than a single file of people to make their way, were a standing danger in case of an alarm of fire. And everybody who has studied the subject knows that panie is far more dangerous than fire itself.

Mr. George Arlise's The Wild Rabbit, with which Messrs. Henry A. Lytton and Stanley Cooke started their season at the CRITERION Theatre on Tuesday evening, opens for all the world like an old-fashioned melodrama with the return of the heir to a peerage who has long since mysteriously disappeared. The audience, however, had been warned that it was a farcical comedy they were to see, and in any case they were not long left in doubt on this point. Before a long-lost heir can make his presence known to his relatives a rival claimant turns up in the person of one Nobbs, who has made a fortune out of a wonderful hair dye. Nobbs personates the missing Farl, is introduced to the Earl's mother and sisters, whom he kisses and caresses with much enthusiasm, and for a brief period revels in his new position. Mr. Stanley Cooke, one of the new lessees of the theatre, who appears as Nobbs, is a clever and energetic little comedian.

extracting the pathos from it, has utilised it entirely for farcical The wooer who makes the mistake in this instance is a timid young curate, like the young curate who discovered that he "didn't like London" in The Private Secretary. This ornament of the Church thinks it simpler and easier to change places with a sporting min, don a false moustache, and gives himyoung man about the country with a self the airs of a rathe r fast gun over his shoulder, in order to avoid meeting the lady than to go to her and apologise for having been led into a most unfortunate blunder. The matinée was given by Mr. George Unwin, who played the part of the sporting man, and who, under more favourable circumstances, would probably make a good impression as a light comedian. The bashful curate was represented by the author, who is far from having that quaint humour which Mr. Penley displayed in his prototype, the Rev. Robert Spalding.

Adaptations of English novels are popular in America. "Trilby" it will be remembered, was adapted by an American writer, Mr. I'aul Potter, and was played all over the United States before Mr. Beerbohm Tree produced it at Manchester and afterwards in London. Now we hear of adaptations on the other side of the Atlantic of Mr. Thomas Hardy's "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," and Mr. Anthony Hope's "Phroso." Tess of the D'Urbervilles we are likely to see early next year at the ADELPHI. Miss Minnie Maddern Fishe, an American emotional actress, who is said to

Our Snyplement

NEXT to appearances there is nothing so deceptive as the popular phrase. "A dog's life" is usually held to imply a life that is not worth living, though this interpretation is irr. concilable with the meaning invariably attached to the other phrase, "a jolly dog." A similar paradox was encoun ered by Dr. Grimstone in dog." A similar paradox was encountered by Vice Versâ," when Dick alluded to the unfortunate Paul Bultitude as a "young dog." The doctor, says Mr. Anstey, was somewhat scandalised by the levity of the City Merchant's description, but remarked to the erring Paul that among the ancient Greeks the term "dog" or "kunos" was always one of contempt or reproach. But there is little doubt that the end of the nineteenth century has witnessed a remarkable advance in the social and moral status of the dog, as anyone who visits a dog show may see. Luxurious cushions, the most unremitting feminine attentions, quite as much food as is good for him, and sometimes more, all these are the lot of the dog of good pedigree. It is perhaps not the best thing in the world for him; in the lap of luxury he may lose his doggier qualities. But fashion changes its pets often; the King Charles, the Dachshund the Chow Chow and the Schipperke, each dog has its day, and when fashion abandons them to their proper fate and mode of living, it is certain that the fox-terrier, at any rate, will be just as good a dog as ever.

THE TRANSFORMATION OF CHINA

PROGRESS AT PORT ARTHUR RUSSIAN



COSSACKS CROSSING THE BI-LI-HE RIVER

DURING his recent visit to Peking, Lord Charles Beresford called one day upon the redoubtable M. Pavloff. The Russian Chargé d'Affaires was apparently in an amiable mood, for he invited his visitor to extend his tour of China to Port Arthur, and declared his regret that, although nearly all other nations had sent officers to look at Port Arthur since the Russians had occupied it, Great Britain had held aloof. Lord Charles did not accept the invitation, apparently for the same reason that no other Englishman had sought the hospitality of the new Russian leasehold, namely, that Englishmen are a little sore at the trick played upon them when that leasehold was acquired. The result of this abstention is that we know very little of what has been going on in Port Arthur, Talienwan, and the remainder of the Liao-tung peninsula since the Muscovite flag has been hoisted over that region. Private people, without political likes or dislikes, have not gone thither partly because they are not sure how they would be received, and partly because, pending the drawing up of a tariff, no opening for trade other than Russian has yet been

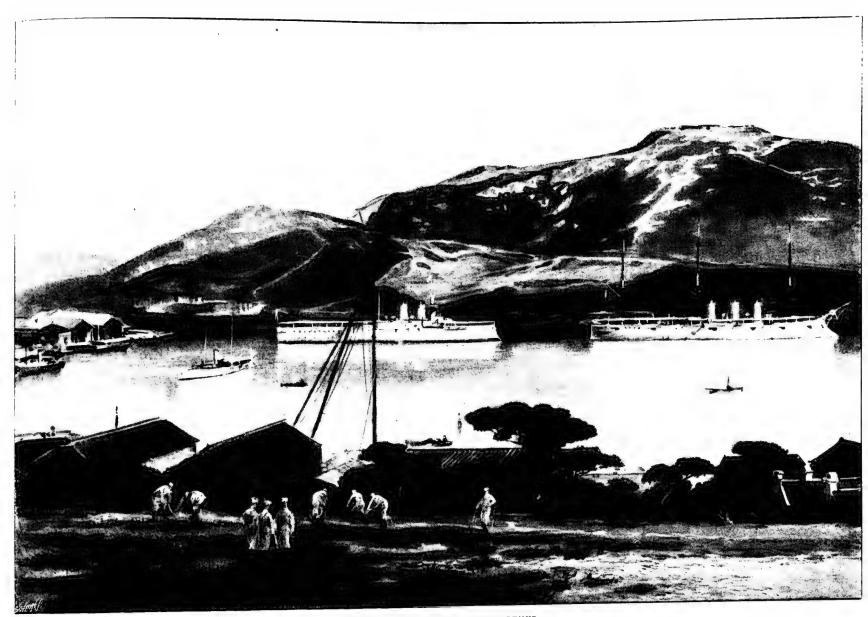
Those who knew this corner of Manchuria in the sleepy days when the mandarins held uncontested sway will, probably, be very much astonished when the curtain is rung up by the present acting managers, and the world is invited to send its ships and merchandise into the new Russian ports. For months past a Russian army has been hard at work transforming Port Arthur and Talienwan and the country round about. M. Syromiatnikoff, the special correspondent of the Novoe Vremya, to whom we are indebted for the photographs and sketches we publish to-day, found the whole leasehold alive with Russian workers, while many big projects for turning it to the best account—military and commercial—were in the air. Work was being carried on day and night on the batteries which surround the town and port of Port Arthur. The second harbour, which is intended for the use of merchant vessels,

is already being deepened by means of a steam dredger, and will soon be ready for ships drawing as much as twenty feet of water. A commercial bank has been established, and a church has been projected capable of holding from 1,500 to 2,000 people which will be in the Russian style, and is estimated to cost 30,000. The site of the latter has been selected on the north bank of the lagoon, where a Russian

village, a railway station, a school, and houses for the military and civil officers are now in course of construction.

At present all the Russians, military and civil, live in Chinese houses, which have been roughly adapted to European requirements. On a hill overlooking the dock, says M. Syromiatnikoff, is a red flag marking the house of the Governor of the Peninsula of Kwan tong, the indefatigable General D. T. Soubotich. In front of the door of his "Palace," formerly a Chinese pamin, there is a wall decorated with a fresco of a dragon painted in the colours of the rainbow, which is supposed to protect the Governor from



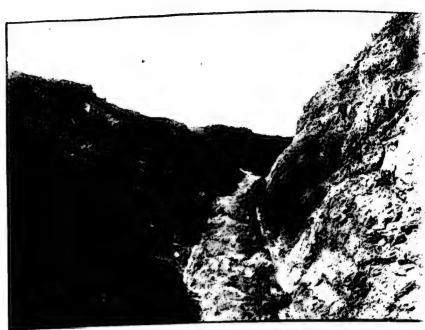


RUSSIAN WAR VESSELS AT PORT ARTHUR





VIEW OF TSIN CHAU



THE MANDARIN ROAD BETWEEN TSIN CHAU AND PORT ARTHUR



ANSIDE A CHINESE TEMPLE AT TSIN CHAU, NEAR TALIENWAN



VIEW OF PORT ARTHUR FROM THE GOLDEN MOUNTAIN

evil spirits. In addition to this redoubtable dragon, the Governor is also protected by a very tall Chinese sergeant dressed in a rich petticoat uniform and armed with a little staff, the sacred symbol of his power. In the vicinity of the yamén is the telegraph office, the two employes speaking only Chinese and English. They are taking a great deal of trouble to learn Russian, but they had not yet succeeded. Thanks to the efforts of Mine, de Doubassoff, wife of the commander of the Russian Pacific Fleet a Chinese theatra has lately been converted into a charming little Russian the Russian Pacific Fleet, a Chinese theatre has lately been converted into a charming little Russian home of Melpomene, where operettas, farces, and comedies are given by amateurs and by theatric: companies from Vladivostock. In a building adjoining the theatre Mme, de Doubassoii has established a café, or rather a tea-shop for the sailors; here they pass their hours of leave in taking tead in the sailors. and in reading newspapers and books. A handsome Buddhist monastery has been converted, with the permission of the bonzes, into a club for the naval officers. Captain Ignatius, a painter highly esteemed in Russia, who is for the moment commanding a gunboat at Port Arthur, and Captain Chercass, have energetically assisted in converting the rooms of the sombre monastery into dining-rooms, reading-rooms, and a ballroom, which are quite comme il fint. The military officers have their clubs in the *impanes*, or Chinese wooden huts converted into temporary barracks, but the Government has voted the sum of 22,000% for the construction of a military club.

All this makes for great activity in the town, which every day is becoming more and more Russianised. A meteorological observatory is in course of construction, which will be permanently connected with that at Sicawei, near Shanghai, and a small observatory in the harberr is already in working order. Mining engineers are digging artesian wells, steamers are disentbarking locomotives, rails, and all sorts of machinery for the Manchurian Railway: Chinese labourers in swarms are laying the rails between Port Arthur and Talienwan, and all kinds of new shops are springing up in all directions.

At Talienwan the same activity is observable. Here, some 120 miles north of Port Arthur, the commercial terminus of the Manchurian Railway will be established. The port has magnificent possibilities, and these are already being turned to account. A jetty is being constructed which liberates of Victorian and the same property of the construction of the same property of the construction. constructed, which, like that of Yokohama, will transform the whole bay into a safe anchorage. The works for the improvement of the harbour of Talienwan have, so far, not emerged it is the project stage, but labour is so plentiful that once they are begun they will make runt



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progress. The plans, which have been elaborately prepared by M. Sokharoff, are now before the authorities in St. Petersburg. M. Sokharoff is the engineer who completed the port at Vladivostock. The Russo-Chinese Railway Company has ordered in England two large steam dredgers for the work on the port of Talienwan.

Nor are the evidences of Russian activity confined to the leasehold in Liao-tung. Throughout Manchuria one meets to-day Russian troops and engineers feverishly at work. There are said to be troops and engineers feverishly at work. There are said to be 30,000 troops at Port Arthur, 3,000 at Talienwan, 2,000 at Kinchou, 20 at Lunchou, 20 at Wafanhein, 200 at Niu-chwang, 200 at Haicheng, 200 at Liaoyang, 200 at Kirin, and 20,000 at Haifien, not hof Kirin. The Russo-Chinese bank has opened a branch of Kirin and at Heifien where the relieve will brough off from the at Kirin, and at Haifien, where the railway will branch off from the main line to Vladivostock, there is a Russian settlement with two thousand soldiers. But it is not only soldiers who are being sent to Manchuria. Shiploads of peasant emigrants with their wives and families have been embarked at Odessa during the last few months, and already some of them have been established on the land of expropriated Chinese farmers in the hinterland of Talienwan and Port Arthur. The expropriation is, of course, decently disguised. The land is compulsorily acquired at the rate of ten dollars a *movu*, and in the event of Chinese resistance a telegram to the Russian Minister at Peking overcomes it.

When the country is opened, foreign trade promises to be brisk -at least until the Siberian railway enables the Russians to dispense with foreign imports. For the present the whole country, from the Pacific to the Baykal, is entirely free from all import duties, with the exception of an excise charge on a few classes of goods. It is true that the Russian Government intends to impose duties in the Far East at some future time, but it will be hardly feasible to do so for several years yet, and a definite promise has been given by the Government to the Diplomatic Representative of at least one nation that due notice of such change in the regulations affecting the introduction of foreign goods into the Russian Far East will in this instance be given.

New Novels

"THE MARKET-PLACE"

THE late Harold Frederic's "The Market-Place" (William Heinemann) makes it evident that its author was very far indeed from having reached the limit of his power. Indeed, in his elaborate portraiture of that sometime Napoleon of finance, Joel Stormont Thorpe, he has probably got a good deal nearer to human nature than in all his former studies put together. Thorpe is apparently a bundle of incompatible characteristics. He is at once a soft-hearted sentimentalist and a veritable Shylock of vindictiveness; an unscrupulous, matter-of-course swindler of the public, with a keen sense of private justice; a coarse and brutally overbearing ruthan, with the instincts of a knave, the sympathies of an honest man, and the ambitions of a gentleman. A rolling stone who has gathered no moss at the age of forty, he enters the City without a farthing of capital, and in no time worth mentioning, by a Stock Exchange coup which may possibly be half as feasible as it was brilliant, finds himself a semi-millionaire. And not only that, but the husband of the beautiful Lady Cressage, the widow of a Duke's heir, who has yielded to the fascination of his masterful manner of wooing. And so, before long, bored by invariable

success, and missing the excitement of battle in the stagnation of success, and missing the excitement of pattie in the stagnation of victory, he plunges into philanthropy as a substitute for swindling—and there we unwillingly leave him, with all his incongruities understood, if not explained. The novel is undisguisedly cynical, though its cynicism is considerably discounted by its author's obvious unfamiliarity with the section of English society at which it is chiefly him the section of the leave of successworship and aimed. None the less, it hits its mark of success-worship and money-worship fairly and squarely enough now and then, and in any case its central figure is a contribution of real importance to the comédie humaine.

"GILES INGILBY"

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exciting interest to an almost puritanical extreme. In "Giles exciting interest to an annest particular extreme. In a Giles Ingilby" (Methuen and Co.), for example, he groups together a number of quite ordinary young people, brings them into the most ordinary relations, and, when these get into something of a targle, employs so well-worn a means of setting them right as that his chief object was to save himself the trouble of j To make a wife who is in the way turn out to have been bigamy, is about as original as to bring in a railway and getting rid of an inconvenient villain. But Mr. Non; consists in his power of extorting interest from what is st uninteresting; that is to say in making his readers concerning selves with his characters as profoundly as with fine selves acquaintances. It is, perhaps, a little out of the way the des Ingilby's enthusiastically admiring editor should be, urb both, his father into the bargain. But that is not so see would have been the editorial enthusiasm without the paternity. In any case, however, the novel will be enjoyanything in the nature of a story but for its insight intit. and corners of character in which the greater part of human is The irony which is one of Mr. Norrisky hides away. instruments for its extraction is sharp enough, but never the

"LOVE IS NOT SO LIGHT"

Constance Cotterell's affectedly written and army Love is Not so Light" (T. Fisher Unwin), has plenty in though at times well-nigh buried out of sight by the inc.

Meredithian obscurities. Its subject is the gradual sortinill-assorted couples. Some of the phases of the process. queer indeed—as, for instance, the pretended entanglement self-sacrificing motive) of a model, middle-aged Quaker with than merely flighty young married woman from the great wor an engagement in which the lover literally "ear-merical control of the state fiancie by means of a sharp penknife. However, it is that who, through the good offices of a friendly snowstorm, a. good and pretty victim of the ear-marker, while the latter : with the pretty and bad young wife, now a widow, and a g foolish victim of hers finds congenial consolation elsewhere, of the scenes are genuinely and others unintentionally v_{ij} and an exciting moor-fire is described with more than or v_{ij} Aly picturesque power,

"THE FAITH THAT KILLS"

The grim, not to say ghastly, notion of a club of gand has who, blase's with all other forms of their pursuit, meet once a well to play for their lives, forms the groundwork of "The Fair i hat Kills," by Emeric Hulme-Beaman (Hurst and Blackett, The are of spades is reserved for the last deal of a long and conclused game of pure chance, from which the players are gradually ciminated; and the player to whom it falls celebrates his luck by thatking to the club in a delicious but deadly poison. The gain is an arranged as to obtain the greatest amount of prolonged even ment and suspense, and nobody can ever be sure that he has more than a week of life before him. The story itself is of one Val Asher, who heartbroken by the destruction of his faith in the woman who is more to him than his soul, joins the club in the hope of drawingth. fatal ace of spades-with what result the author must be lett totell. We will not say that he has made the best of his materials, but he can rise to a dramatic effect on occasion, and he knows how; emphasize a shudder by a jest—in short, it is very creepy business from beginning to end.



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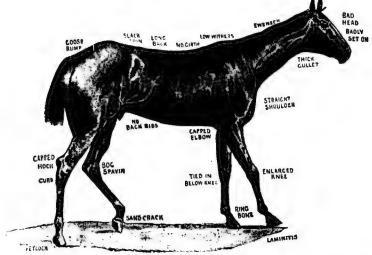
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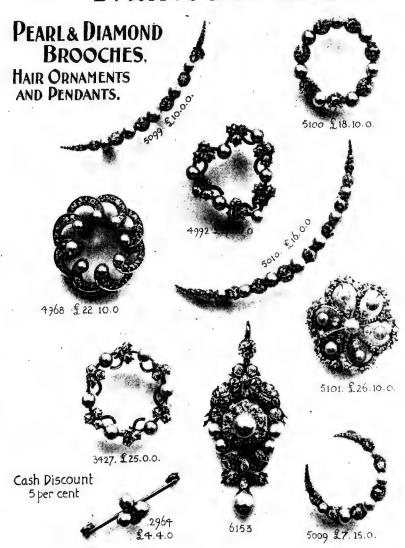
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THE tragedy of the Empress of Austria's death and the sad declining days of her illustrious husband's reign, have almost effaced

the brilliancy of its beginning, when one of the most interesting moments centred in his corona-tion at Buda-Pesth as Sovereign of Hunga y. The mantle and crown worn by the Emperor are magnificent, but are jealousy guarded relics only to be seen on such occasions. The mantle of St. Stephen was embroidered with innumerable quaint images and sacred symbols by the hand of his Queen Gisla. The crown, though sent to him by Pope Boniface, is said to be of divine origin, and carried from heaven by the very angels themselves. The corona-tion of Francis Joseph, and his investiture with these precious relics, resembled a mediaval pageant. The strange costumes of the performers, the jewelled swords and bright raiment, their embroidered cloaks and wonderful caps, the ladies' national dresses, rich, quaint, and artistic, were in themselves remarkable. The thought of the great Kaiser fasting in his palace on the previous night, in his palace on the previous night-like Don Quixote before his knight-hood, or Rienzi in the little chapel, fired the imagination and stimulated the poetic fancy, but the great feature lay in his picturesque appearance on the day. He is described by an eye-minest issuing from the archyay. witness issuing from the archway riding erect in the midst of his people, a very King Arthur, impassive, sphynx-like, majestic, on a curvetting steed, clad in the dingy mantle and ancient crown of St. Stephen, and presently going through all the unique prescribed rites, fasting, lying prostrate on the ground in the church, being anointed with sacred oils and made to take strange oaths and

impossible vows, yet a ways calm, dignified, and kingly. Finally he dined alone with his beautiful Queen and four of the principal magnates of Hungary, while on his table was placed a piece of the ox roasted whole for the people in the market, and one toast, "Long live our country," was solemnly given by the monarch himself.

Cool drinks and light foods should be the order of the day in this torrid weather. Alexandre Dumas in his cookery book mentions a salad invented by him to prevent the use of doubtful ingredients. The yolks of raw eggs and lemon juice instead of oil and vinegar, being poured over tender hearts whether of cos or cabbage lettuce and supported by pepper and salt, provide, in his opinion a perfect harmony. To have salad made by a servant, as is done in great houses, was to him a dire heresy, an apology

two or three pinches of the pulverished orris root, which to perfume linen. Dumas remembers the birth of the " France, which occurred after the campaign of 1815, English remained two or three years in Paris, Great alarm of French gourmets at finding this English dish asserting its influence in the best French kitchens. Dut. ciated the English beefsteak, and considered its flavour style of its cooking to be superior and more savoury than ; own country.



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SALTFORD REGATTA, NEAR CLIFTON: "THE HENLEY OF THE WEST"

for an insipid mess, a very wasting of good things. The salad should be seasoned by the master of the house him elf, and completed a full hour before dinner in order that it be turned over, or fatigued, as the French saying is, two or three times during that period. Dumas adds that if you prefer the salad known as "Capuchin's Beard," you should mix it with violets and throw in

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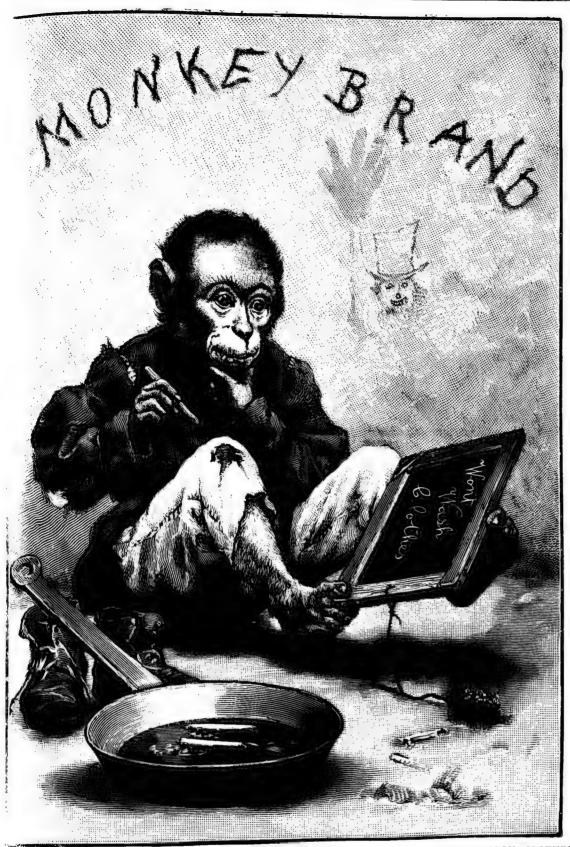
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The arrival of the United States flagship Olymbia at Colombo with Almiral Dawey on board excited considerable interest in Ceylon, the jetty and its neighbourhood being crowded with civilians and officers. The official landing was fixed for eleven o'clock, and at 10.45 Admiral Dewey left the its neighbourhood being crowded with civilians and officers. The official landing was fixed for eleven o'clock, and at 10.45 Admiral Dewey left the Olympia, and a salute of seventeen guis was fired as the steam launch started. On stepping ashore the Admiral was received by Colonel Savage commanding the forces, a guard of honour presenting arms, and the band playing the general salute. After inspecting the guard, Admiral Dewey and his Flag Lieutenant Brumby drove to Colonel Savage's residence in Slave Island. Our illustration is from a photograph by W. L. H. Skeen, Colombo

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Women are beginning to the tinguish themselves in painting and sculpture. In Vienna 80 C teresting busts in marble have contributed by a very young Russian lady, Miss 11 Ries, whose style is remoriginal and vigorous. T classes instituted in various of England are develoring; talent and invention. Carpenter and the Hon. M.3. Grey show themselves dell designers, Mrs. Godfrey E has taught her villagershow a cute rich and accurate tapes Mrs. Denison's spinning at. ing classes at Ashridge are reold customs and teaching the and beauty of vegetable pigm while Miss Garnet's stude: Windermere have executed . successful experiments in a mi of linen and silk.

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THE SEASON

THE weather has broug's harvest upon us with a rest. and many fields were in sec before the 25th, the date w a fortnight previously had ! suggested as that of the ear. wheat cuttings in Sussex bet the shelter of the South Down. The heat has been nothing vis wonderful in the day, though in: crowded cities it has been ... tremely hard to bear. In the country, however, there has always been a fresh breeze, and ': has made the weather enjoyable to those who got well away from the towns. The rapid ripening of the wheat is due to the continuuse of the high temperature all through the night. A midday temperature

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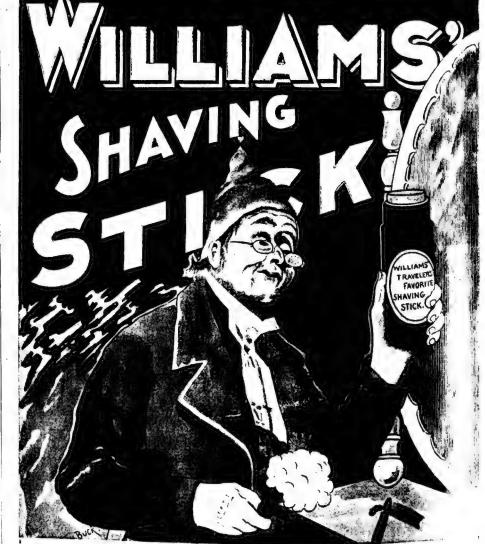
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of ninety followed by a midnight temperature of sixty degrees of ninety followed by a midnight temperature of sixty degrees gives us a mean of seventy-five degrees for the corn which "is out all night." But if the night only brings the thermometer down to eighty instead of sixty the mean of the twenty-four hours is eighty-five degrees, and the processes of maturing go on largely without interruption. There are stages in the development of the grain within the ear which make no progress at all below a certain temperature, and which are absolutely stopped during the hours that the heat falls short of a certain fixed point. If, as during the past fortnight has been the case, the temperature never falls by day or the heat falls short of a certain fixed point. If, as during the past fortnight has been the case, the temperature never falls by day or night below this point, the rapidity of the plant's maturity becomes a matter of surprise even to the most experienced farmer. The barley has come on as fast as the wheat, and will begin to be cut in the early days of August. Oats have suffered severely from the drought, but this has not been very widely spread. The South East of England is, in fact, the only severe sufferer.

A CAPRICIOUS RAINFALL

The returns of July rainfall are-for the best of reasons-still incomplete, but in Anglesey four inches of rain have already fallen, and there has been a liberal downpour at such leading centres as Manchester, Chesterfield, Bradford, Liverpool, and Nottingham. There is nothing to be called a drought in Scotland or in Ireland, and the rainfall of the year thus far attains a full average on the mean of fifty chief stations. The fact that the capital is situated in an angle of the country instead of in the centre is often referred to as a meteorological drawback, but those who know foreign countries have reason to doubt this. Rome is in the centre of Italy pretty nearly, and Madrid was selected as the capital of Spain for this very reason. But the climate of Rome is notoriously different from that of Italy as a whole, and that of Madrid is a sad libel on the climate of the average Spanish town. The London records of many things

"speak for England," but in the matter of the weather the guidance is purely local. This should be recognised. The vegetable crops of slight root, the oats where grown at all, and the later hay crop will all be comparative, if not total, failures within the twelvemile radius; but oats, which are principally grown in Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, promise well in all those regions, vegetables are by no means failing in the West of England, and hay will not be for England as a whole by any means the short crop which might be argued from the Thames Valley and the land between the Thames and the Channel.

AGRICULTURAL SOBRIETY

The map of England which appeared in The Daily Graphic of the 21st inst., should be placed in a position of honour in every agricultural club room throughout the Kingdom, for it shows not only that the agricultural classes are the most temperate and self-respecting of the community, but that they are so in the presence of a free Fcensing of inns and taverns such as is unknown to the crowded cities. The inquiry which has been made into these matters has, however, one weak side. The form in which the stimulant is taken affects the digestion, and the digestion affects the head. The brewers of good English beer are entitled to have an explicit verdict, where the recent inquiry gives a verdict that is only implicit. For there can be little doubt that it is the preference for beer over spirits which keeps the agricultural regions sober by comparison with the towns, just as it is the preference for wine over spirits which keeps the upper classes sober by comparison with the other sections of the people.

SWINE FEVER

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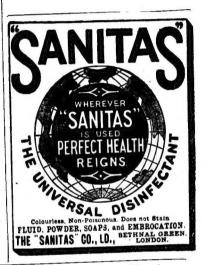
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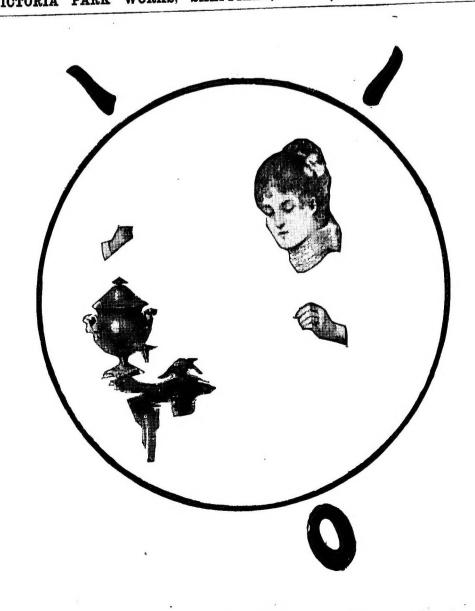
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